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Kateri Carries Agawam...

Melconian & Neal Sweep Thru Primary

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Candidates can't blame low voter turnout on the weather in Tuesday's Massachusetts Primary Election. Only 3,343 voters showed up to cast their votes in Agawam, which has a total voter registration of 14,404.

According to Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux, that figure represents 23 percent of the registered voters here. A significantly higher number is expected in November.

The two most interesting races bringing Agawam voters to the polls involved the Democrat side of the slate. Here, 95 percent of those who voted on Tuesday cast their ballots. Republicans who came to the polls had little to choose from on Tuesday and will undoubtedly be out in far greater numbers for the General Election in November, which includes the hotly fought presidential race.

Ten-year State Senator Linda J. Melconian easily outdistanced Feeding Hills resident, Attorney Steven Newman in the overall race 9,215 votes to 3,779. This included 1,828 to 1,022 in Agawam.

At her headquarters Tuesday night, Melconian credited hard work during the primary season as well as 10 years of servicing her constituents as two reasons for the nearly three to one overall victory.

Melconian said her strong record on education over the past 10 years plays heavily in her favor and again did so on Tuesday.

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SAT Test Course Opens At AHS; Scores Up A Bit

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Seniors hoping to improve their SAT scores this November began an evening preparatory course at Agawam High School this Monday.

According to Guidance Department Director Paul Cavallo, the total enrollment for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) prep course was 31 students.

He said, "There will only be Monday classes for all students beginning September 14th. (AHS English Instructor) Joanne Brown will teach the verbal section, and Guidance Counselor Alan Cohen will teach the math."

Both Mrs. Brown and Cohen will conduct two segments of their portion, with about 16 students per class.

SEE SAT - Education Section...

Council Honors Elderly Athletes



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS who participated in last summer's Senior Bay State Games were honored by the Agawam Town Council on September 8th. IN TOP PHOTO, senior citizen Gordon Sellick accepts a town proclamation from Town Council Vice-President Richard Brindle (left); Richard Mundo, Senior Center executive director; Joanne H. Willis, Town Council president; and Nancy Gravel, town councilor. IN PHOTO BELOW, senior citizens who were honored by the council included, from left - Robert Haynes, Sandra Smith (Senior Center activities director), Desiree Jacobs, Carol Moran, Fern Senecal, Chet Comins, Mae McKay, Carmino Calento, Vi Presz, Hal Deyo, and Janice Bonk. The group will be attending the national games in Louisiana. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PRIMARY DAY - from Page 1...

Melconian will now face Republican William Caplin of Springfield in November for the First District Senate seat.

Newman had banged Melconian during the primary season for the high auto insurance rates in Massachusetts. Melconian chairs the legislative committee on insurance. Caplin, likewise, has been hitting the incumbent on the controversial insurance issue.

The other race that drew Agawam residents to the polls Tuesday was between two-term Congressman Richard E. Neal, Springfield City Councilor Kateri Walsh, and political newcomer Charles A. Platten, Jr.

Voters in the Second Congressional District gave Neal a comfortable victory with 30,482 votes. Mrs. Walsh received 21,776 and Platten received 11,524.

Agawam Went With Walsh

Neal, the former Springfield mayor, was defeated in Agawam by Mrs. Walsh, 1,313 to 1,094. Both Neal and Mrs. Walsh favor pro-life. Agawam, according to Neal during a victory speech at his Springfield headquarters late Tuesday night, was the only community he lost in the entire 39 city/town district.

Neal did thank two of his Agawam supporters, Town Councilor Thomas Ennis, and Theroux, for their help and support during the primary season. Neal appeared on the Agawam ballot for the first time as the redistricting plan moved this community from the First Congressional District to the Second District.

Agawam is presently represented by U.S. Rep. John Olver of Amherst in the First District. That will change on January 1st, 1993.

Neal will now face Republican Anthony Ravosa, Jr., in what most see shaping up as a controversial and heated campaign over the next seven weeks.

Neal was particularly pleased with his margin of victory Tuesday night and said that his positive campaign paid dividends in the end.

Agawam's native son, incumbent State Representative Michael P. Walsh, received 2,361 votes from residents. Walsh is running unopposed for the Third Hampden District seat he has held for the past 10 years.

Councilor Jessie Fuller Named By Town GOP 'Woman Of The Year'

In this political "Year of the Woman," Jessie D. Fuller will be honored at a Testimonial, October 8th at Chez Josef by the Agawam Republican Town Committee as "Republican of the Year."

Mrs. Fuller was chosen for recognition of a lifetime dedication to country and community. The daughter of the late John MacKenzie of Holyoke, who was recipient of the Navy Medal of Honor during World War I, Jessie continued in that tradition by serving as a Navy W.A.V.E. during World War II.

A nurse and dental hygienist, Mrs. Fuller dedicated herself to civic and community services in Agawam, after assuming residency here. Some of her most notable activities include 12 years as a member of the School Committee, with two terms as chairman; member of the Agawam Arts and Humanities, serving as chairman two years; Agawam Board of Health; Feeding Hills Women's Club as president; Agawam Women's Club, serving two terms as president; Hazardous Waste Committee; Agawam Senior Center, plus much more.

Most recently, Jessie has served as Council Vice-President. During her second term, she was elected Council President, a position she resigned from during a controversy, rather than see the interests of the community not being served.

Jessie has always put the concerns and interests of Agawam first above all personal considerations.

The Republican Town Committee asks that all those who have known Jessie Fuller and have been supported by her through her many functions, come out and support her by honoring her with your presence at her Testimonial on Thursday, October 8th at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For information or reservations, call Vincent Callahan at 786-7519.

Ag. Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On September 7th, **Serafin Melendez**, 72 Charter Oaks Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with five outstanding surrounding community warrants. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Gary O'Brien.

On September 8th, **Robert Ng**, 37 Amanda Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan and Keith Bopko.

On September 8th, **Carlos Leon**, 157 Merrimac Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, operating unregistered, and operating uninsured. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan and Keith Bopko.

On September 8th, **Vestonia Blair**, 150 Breckwood Circle, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Walter Zymroz.

On September 8th, **Richard Paquette**, 12 Haskell Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery, and possession of a class "D" substance with intent to distribute. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Karen Langevin, and Detective Anthony Malone.

On September 9th, **Michael Brendon**, 101 High Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and trespassing. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Gary O'Brien.

On September 11th, **Brian Maillet**, 20 Hyde Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Keith Bopko.

On September 11th, **John Iellamo**, 52 River Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Paul Murphy.

On September 12th, **Marla Reyes**, 48 Bond Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy and Joe Dymon.

On September 12th, **Michael J. Boyster**, 182 Ambrose Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Camerlin and Auxiliary Officer Cicchetti.

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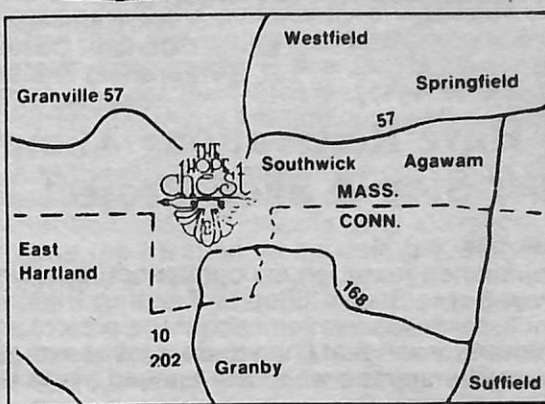
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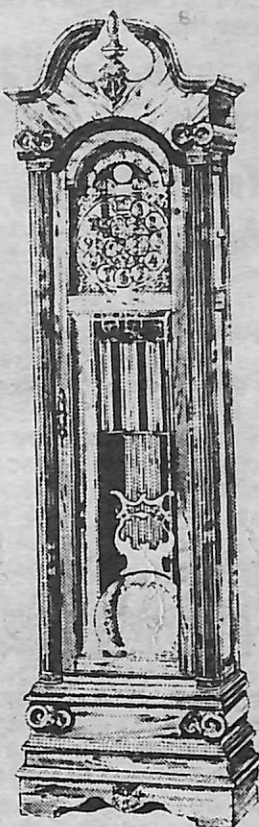


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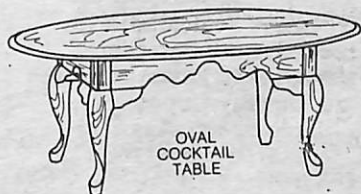


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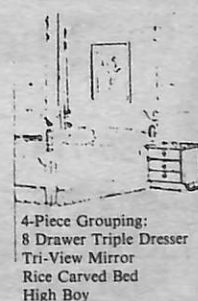
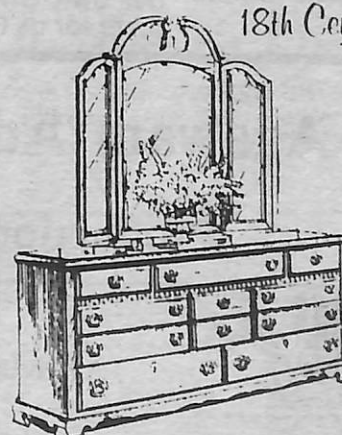


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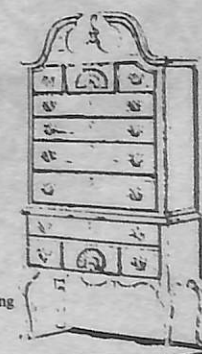
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Letters To The Editor

Resident Upset About New Super Stop & Shop

To The Editor:

After reading about the proposed Super Stop & Shop in the center of Feeding Hills, I am disgusted at how shortsighted and opportunistic our town officials truly are.

The Mayor and town councilors are very impressed with the prospects of additional tax revenue, street widening, a new sewer line, and 300 part-time and full-time jobs.

All these things sound like music to their ears. However, are they really considering what will best serve the citizens of this community?

Will it be in our best interest to be caught up in traffic jams in Feeding Hills Center, day after day? Will it be in the best interest of the local pharmacy, video store, or produce stands when people decide to go to the Super Stop & Shop to fill their prescriptions, rent their videos, or buy their vegetables?

Will the 300 jobs be filled by only Agawam residents? Finally, will the residents of the area really be satisfied to watch what is left of our once-quiet Feeding Hills center be completely transformed by an oversized grocery store, two self-serve gas stations, and a possible Dunkin' Donuts shop as well?

Mayor Christopher Johnson is "impressed with the commitment to Feeding Hills" by Richmond Company, Inc., the developers of this Super Stop & Shop. The employees of Richmond, though, will not be left here trying to cope with all the negative consequences created by their project—we will!

As a resident of Feeding Hills, I am not trying to stand in the way of progress, but I would like to preserve whatever shreds of historical beauty and integrity that are left here.

I urge all the residents of this section of Agawam to ask themselves whether or not a Super Stop & Shop is needed in this already-congested area, and whether or not "greed" in the name of "progress" is at work here.

Sincerely,
Mary C. Ghidoni
34 Orleole Drive
Feeding Hills

Thanks Town Of Agawam For All That You Do

To The Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the town of Agawam. What am I grateful for, you may ask?

Well, I'm grateful that my children go to a school where they are treated as important individuals. I'm grateful that the teachers, staff, and administration are so caring and yet professional.

I'm also thankful that we live so close to both a fine school and a wonderful fire station with an excellent emergency medical crew.

You see, last Thursday, my son fell at school and the response was both quick and thorough. If it weren't for the great work of both the school and fire departments, I don't know how things would have turned out.

Justin is doing great and can't wait to get his stitches out. We have a lot to be thankful for, people of Agawam, so let's not forget it!

Very sincerely,
Carleen Coelho
79 Fordham Avenue
Feeding Hills

Do Have Reservations About Super Stop & Shop Project

To The Editor:

A published report on my comments regarding the new Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills did not include my reservations about the project and I am embarrassed that I had to do a lot of explaining to my supporters who have backed me in the past.

These reservations include those encumbrances on the property caused by damage to abutters. These should be addressed. Part of the damage to Cincotta Farms might be easily rectified if, as seems likely, some fill has been placed on their property. The store developer will need some fill.

Since the Town will receive the wetlands, and since the Army Corps of Engineers still has control there, I propose that the Corps have oversight over what the Town does there.

Thank you,
Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills

Consumer Affairs Office Gets Nod In Agawam

To The Editor:

Should there be any question in the future regarding the need for a Consumer Affairs office in this town, I hope our experience can be cast as a resounding YES.

Agawam is currently twice-blessed by having access to Tim Reardon and Linda Cusson, who serve as both Weights and Measures and Consumer Affairs personnel. With so many hats to keep track of, it's a wonder they stay ahead of the work; yet stay ahead they do, and the results are invaluable.

On July 23rd of 1992, my daughter picked up her used car from Balise in Westfield. Within three weeks, this 18 year-old had experienced brake pedal failure; burning brake fluid; replacement of a master cylinder (to make us happy, the dealer said, not because there was a problem); a failed, foaming battery (which could have been recharged, but they replaced it to be nice, the dealer said); a faulty water pump; a faulty radiator; and some consistently ignored sound effects for a new motion picture of the *Elm Street* genre.

Two minor scratches played into the dealer's hands as a further opportunity to make money and to make us consumers miserable. They wished to deduct \$1,281 from the very high price we'd paid to begin with, and exchange the car for one of even lower value.

We'd paid a high price, thinking it would buy us a car free of nit-picking problems. Instead, we had a "lemon" and we could not even get a car for its purchase price—only one for purchase price less \$1,281. They refused our offer to even have the scratches fixed elsewhere, even though we presented them with an estimate of \$540!

Mr. Tim Reardon and his assistant, Linda, from our own Office of Consumer Affairs were right there for us throughout this nightmare, and in the

end, Tim went in person to this dealership, armed with our many complaints. He seemed to have endless patience, listening to the multitude of ways in which their pettiness and deceit made manifest; and, in the final analysis, we were able to learn that the odometer had in fact been replaced!

Dealer aware or not, we were dealing with a vehicle of virtually unknown mileage! Still, when we made our knowledge known to the dealer, it was still Mr. Reardon's personal visit—armed with a four-page letter—that ultimately settled the score. We lost only some money, but much less than we would have lost!

I had also contacted a Consumer telephone number in early August, out of Springfield. On the very day that Mr. Reardon got the final counter-offer, this office in Springfield finally contacted me. Where would we have been if we had waited for them to respond?

I understand that Mr. Reardon has been receiving other complaints regarding automobiles all during our ongoing difficulties, yet he managed to obtain every fact in our case and to approach this dealer in the way needed to get action. I have no doubt that Mr. Reardon will take care of the other complaints in a similar fashion.

With dealerships such as this in business, it is vital that the consumer be able to obtain help. There should be no doubt that there is a definite need for consumer protection, and the office to which this Town has access is valuable, necessary, and a resource from which many can benefit.

Most sincerely,
Kathy Shepard
Feeding Hills

Mike Walsh DARE Tourney Proved Great Success

To The Editor:

This year once again the annual Representative Michael P. Walsh tournament to benefit Project D.A.R.E. in the Agawam schools has been a tremendous success. It's hard to believe this has been the fourth tournament already.

The purpose of this letter is to thank those people and businesses in our community who have been constant supporters of the Mike Walsh/DARE tournament each of the last four years.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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LETTERS - from Page 4...

The Agawam Federal Credit Union and Dick Pisano have always sponsored and played, usually with Ron Hamel of Letalien Jewelers, who has always generously donated a prize.

The gang from Take Five Restaurant, led by Dennis and Lois Sabetini, have sponsored and played (pretty well, too!), usually in heated competition with the Agawam Police Association entry.

Not to be left out are the Agawam Fire Association, who send more than one group to play each year and have the most spirited competition between themselves.

Pete Mutti from Atlas Auto Body, Art Deforge from Hastie Fence, Dave and Dan Caroleo from Village Package Store, Bob Vanderhoof from Agawam Opticians, and John Beltrandi from Beltrandi Real Estate have all played and sponsored since the beginning as well. They've enjoyed being a part of the tournament, and we've enjoyed having them. Thank you all.

Many thanks go to our other local sponsors: Dennis Crowley of Agawam Stables; Ed Borgatti of E.B.'s Restaurant; Ed Carroll of Riverside Park; Jack Sarat of Sarat Ford; Vic Carra of Westfield Savings Bank; my friends and colleagues in government, Senator Linda Melconian and Mayor Chris Johnson (both of whom have always been supportive of the program); John Bonavita from the Tavern Inn; Gerry Norgaard from Norgaard Machine; Ron Hebert from Peterjon's Ice Cream; Dick Aldrich from Aldrich Insurance Agency; and the Rosati family at John's Trucking.

I would like to give a special thanks for the generosity of some special people as well: Tommy and Susan Ennis for donating signs; White Glove Catering for donating those delicious meatball grinders when we got hungry on the course; Don Carval at New England Furniture and Clock for donating a beautiful piece of furniture each year; Dick Abow and Scott Macey from the United Food & Commercial Workers for their donated prizes, too; *The Agawam Advertiser News* for its donated ads and great coverage (even though Jack Devine's lunch bill is getting expensive!); Mono Strycharz and Pro Jim Modzelesky and their staff for making every participant happy and welcome at Oak Ridge Country Club.

Lastly, my thanks to the people without whom there would simply be no tournament. My aide, Cathy Sheehan, who pulls the whole thing

together and somehow remains in good humor after dealing with Wayne Macey and myself; Wayne Macey, who is the spiritual leader of DARE in Agawam; Don Gallerani, who does such a great job in the schools with our kids; and Terry Letellier and Gerry O'Keefe, our utility men.

As you can see, this is a lengthy list of the tournament's local friends and supporters. This is indicative of the tremendous support DARE has received from the community of Agawam.

Thanks to the people listed here who make this tournament possible, Officer Dan Gallerani is better able to get the DARE message across to our children that drugs are limiting, even deadly, and they should just say "no."

Additionally, this year we are donating a sizable amount of the proceeds to the CAPP (Child Abuse Prevention Project) people who do such great work in the elementary schools preventing child abuse and assault.

The first four years of the tournament have been more successful than we could have imagined. Since 1989, we have raised more than \$25,000 for DARE. We are committed to this program and its success because Agawam's children are this town's most precious resource.

Their future should be as unlimited as their talents and unconstrained by drug abuse. Thanks to all of you, DARE makes that possible for more and more of our kids.

See you all next year!

Sincerely,
Michael P. Walsh
State Representative

Retiring Letter Carrier Thanked By Resident

To The Editor:

We have lived on Oak Lane in Feeding Hills for 18 years. Throughout that time, Harry Bregonzio has been our mail carrier. His friendliness, his devotion to his vocation, and his attention to small but important details will be missed as he retires.

On behalf of all his customers, we wish to thank Harry for his attentive service to all of us.

Chris and Don Morris
Feeding Hills

Veteran's Office Has More Information On Mass. State Bonuses

Veteran's Agent Ruth Bitzas reports that she has just received information from the State Department of Veteran's Services regarding the eligibility guidelines governing application for the Mass. State Bonus now available to certain veterans who served during the Persian Gulf War period.

Mrs. Bitzas serves as District Director for Western Hampden District, which comprises the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland and veterans may contact her offices located in the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237 for information and assistance in obtaining this state benefit.

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Ravosa Says Congress Fails In Taking Business Approach

Anthony Ravosa Jr., Republican candidate for Congress from Massachusetts' second Congressional district, issued the following statement this week:

"Tough times call for tough decisions. For too long, Congress has rejected a business approach to address the problems facing our nation. The bureaucrats in Washington have burdened us with restrictions while exempting themselves from the legislation they pass.

"To successfully promote growth and create jobs," stated Ravosa, "Congress must provide Americans with the incentive to invest.

"Families have made sacrifices, and businesses have made sacrifices to cope with a faltering economy. At the same time, Congress has taxed and borrowed their way to a four-trillion-dollar debt while rewarding themselves with a 40% pay raise! The same 'common sense' approach to responsible spending that is required of us as individuals must be expected of our government.

"We as a nation are grossly over-taxed. First, I believe we must cut the capital gains tax across the board—to 15% for middle and upper-income investors, and to zero for both low-income investors and businesses willing to invest in low-income areas.

"The long-run goal," he continued, "is to join the majority of our international competitors and eliminate the capital gains tax altogether.

"Second, I believe we must enact a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution and a plan for achieving a balanced budget within four years—not by raising taxes, but by restraining government spending.

"Nearly 60 percent of the federal budget is spent on entitlement programs, many consisting of nothing more than pet-projects of senior members for their home districts. One step we must take immediately is to give our President the power of the line-item veto to reduce this costly pork-barrel spending.

"Third, I am absolutely and unequivocally committed to reducing the costs of litigation and regulation as well as taxation. In the next Congress, we must reduced regulation, reform the court system, and reduce the intrusiveness of a government which clearly is too big and spends too much.

"As a co-sponsor to the Economic Growth and Job Creation Act," concluded Ravosa, "I pledge to begin acting on these proposals within the first 90 days of the 103rd Congress."

Senate Candidate Caplin At War With Insurance Lobbying Groups

Bill Caplin, Republican candidate for the State Senate in the First Hampden District, has declared war on "special interest groups working with the Massachusetts Insurance Committee against the best interests of the general public."

Caplin insists that the current no-fault system "can work if properly administered." Caplin continues, "No-fault has worked in other states where it is not allowed to run away with itself, is out of the hands of the politicians, and where competition is encouraged, rather than discouraged as it is here in Massachusetts.

Caplin contends "The tort system that Senate Insurance Committee chair Linda Melconian wants would only make matters worse. It would open up a virtual free-for-all and allow everyone and anyone the opportunity to sue for even the most minor injuries.

"One national insurance rating bureau has, in fact, estimated that the Melconian proposals will cost Massachusetts drivers an additional 4.5% on our auto insurance bills."

Caplin continues, "The direction Senator Melconian is taking, attacking the territorial ratings, is only a smoke screen. For eight years now, Senator Melconian has promised auto insurance reform, and all we get is higher rates."

Caplin feels that Melconian's accepting contributions from some of the major insurance companies as well as the personal injury attorneys has put her in a compromising position.

In a five-part agenda, Caplin called for:

1. Strengthening the no-fault system currently in place to eliminate fraud. This would include items such as severe penalties on parties who con-

tribute in any way to fraudulent claims and on parties who exaggerate minor claims just for profit.

2. Cracking down on crime. Severe penalties for auto theft and intentionally destroying vehicles for profit. Massachusetts is second only to Washington D.C. in auto thefts per 1,000.

3. Giving local, state and registry police more power to remove unregistered and uninsured vehicles from the highways. There are an estimated 200,000 of these vehicles (5% of all vehicles on Massachusetts highways) whose owners are robbing us all by not paying insurance premiums, registry fees, and excise taxes.

Confiscation of the vehicle should also be an option if necessary. An August 23, 1992 *Springfield Sunday Republican* article stated that, "Auto accidents in 1991 produced 9,247 claims involving uninsured motorists."

4. Upgrading the merit rating system to make the habitually bad driver pay for their actions.

5. Clamping down of traffic offenders of all types. Make all drivers responsible for their actions and thereby making us all "tow the mark" or pay for many of the moving violations that drivers are getting away with now, making Massachusetts roadways unsafe.

An August 23, 1992 *Springfield Sunday Republican* article stated "20% of drivers ran red lights," "more than half of drivers turned right on red without stopping," and "the number of people hurt in accidents at intersections rose from 13,661 in 1988 to 14,784 last year."

Finally, the article stated "drivers here use seat belts less often and drink and drive more often than the national average."

Agawam Democratic Town Committee Plans Annual Breakfast At Alexander's Restaurant

The Agawam Town Democratic Party will be holding its Annual Breakfast on October 25th, 1992, at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The breakfast will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will

be buffet-style. Tickets are \$14 each and are available from: Tommy Ennis, 786-9402; Barbara Dunn, 786-7147; Carolyn Tetrault, 786-6349; Connie Rosenberg, 786-1521; or Meanette Vermes, 789-2974.

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Suffriti Refutes Health Statistics; Says Food Inspections Lagging

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Recurring questions about the town's Health Department has Town Councilor Gary Suffriti angry about comments made by fellow councilors and the administration that the health and safety of the community are not jeopardized by the July 31st firing of longtime sanitarian Casimir Tryba.

Suffriti is one of five councilors seeking to restore Tryba to his position. According to him, statistics he obtained from the Health Department directly contradict statements that it's business as usual in the Health Department since Tryba's dismissal.

On July 20th, the council, in a 6-5 vote, cut \$22,500 from the Health Department budget which led to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson handing Tryba his pink slip at the end of the work day on July 31st. Johnson had 10 days to veto the council's action that would have kept Tryba at his position.

Since that time the council has engaged in a bitter battle over this issue. Some residents in town are now actively seeking a ballot question to restore the sanitarian's position.

According to Suffriti, Health Department records indicate an average of 35 inspections of town food establishments were conducted on a monthly basis by Tryba.

One Inspection In August

In July, 22 inspections were completed by Tryba, despite the fact he was on vacation for two weeks, according to Suffriti. "The records show that only one inspection was done during the entire month of August by the Health Department, and that was only because it was needed to open the new Getti Mart on Springfield Street," he said.

Suffriti said published statements from the town administration indicating all is well in the

Health Department are misleading and unfounded.

Suffriti said Massachusetts General Law mandates that inspections of food establishments in each community be conducted twice a year.

However, said Suffriti, Agawam's health codes are more rigid and require three inspections annually.

Suffriti said that in his conversations with Health Agent Ronald Young, "there is no possible way to maintain the number of inspections we've been doing. We will never have the same quality done by that department."

Suffriti said he is concerned that the lack of manpower in the Health Department will result in Agawam sliding back to what he called "the deplorable conditions of 1987."

At that time, the town was cited by the state for having many serious problems in areas of food service.

"By 1991, under the care and attention of Cas Tryba, Agawam was listed as a role model in the health field by the state. The level of efficiency in the Health Department increased dramatically with Cas Tryba," added Suffriti.

Young confirmed to us that it will be difficult for him to maintain the pace of inspections conducted while Tryba was employed at Town Hall.

"I understand people are upset about this but consideration to the citizens of Agawam is very important to us. We are going to give people of Agawam the best service we can. I don't believe numbers mean a thing."

It's The Quality Of Inspections Done

In regard to this, William Euliano, chairman of the town's Board of Health, told us, "We have a plan of attack to do as many inspections as we can. It is the quality of the inspections done, not

the quantity that is my main priority."

Euliano stated he does not intend to "get into a numbers game" concerning inspections. He explained, "If the Mayor is looking for numbers, we can do it. But what does that mean? Anyone can put numbers on the board. But quality is what is important and my first priority is quality."

Euliano said he plans to evaluate the food inspection updates at each monthly meeting of the Board of Health and discuss how the process might be done better. "I will take 20 good inspections over 40 half-done ones anytime."

Suffriti, owner of Feeding Hills Public Market on Springfield Street, said Tryba's method of inspections were thorough and professional. "Cas Tryba took the necessary time to do an inspection properly. He made sure machines were cleaned and at the same time, he educated people on the right way to do things."

"We don't know what long-term effects will result from this cut in manpower. The work done by the sanitarian is important to the town," said Suffriti.

Many of the town's food establishment owners support the restoration of Tryba to his position and showed up at an August 31st public hearing to issue their support.

Certification Used As Excuse

Suffriti also disputed claims by some fellow councilors over Tryba's lack of state certification to conduct food inspections. "This was a convenient excuse. A sanitarian does not have to be certified to do food inspections," he said.

When asked about this, Young confirmed Suffriti's statement. "There is neither a state nor a city ordinance that requires a sanitarian to be certified or registered," Young said.

Young has his state certification.

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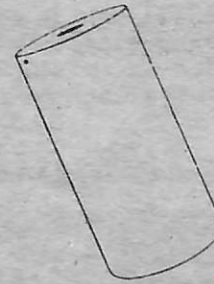
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Right Of Way Of Emergency Vehicles

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

It has come to my attention through a number of our patrol officers that some difficulty is being encountered in responding to emergency calls. It would seem that some motorists are either ignoring the lights and siren on the cruisers, or they are not paying attention to the traffic around them.

Let me start by saying that having been a police officer for almost 20 years, I have answered hundreds of emergency calls. As would be expected, most require immediate response and involve life or death situations.

Officers responding to these calls have much on their mind as they plan their actions and attempt to maneuver their cruisers around a sometimes crowded highway. It is incumbent upon the motoring public to take notice of such emergency vehicles and grant them the right of way.

Chapter 89, Section 7A of the motor vehicle laws of Massachusetts states the following: "Upon the approach of any fire apparatus, police vehicle, ambulance or disaster vehicle which is going to a fire, or responding to call, alarm or emergency situation, every person driving a vehicle on a way shall immediately drive said vehicle as far as possible toward the right-hand curb or side of said way and shall keep the same at a standstill until such fire apparatus, police vehicle, ambulance or disaster vehicle has passed."

Section 7 further states: "Whoever willfully obstructs or retards the passage of any of the foregoing in the exercise of such right shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than three months."

Contrary to the beliefs of some, emergency apparatus does not speed through the streets of town for no reason. Everyday emergency calls include heart attacks; serious injury accidents requiring traffic control and extrication; assaults involving both weapons and serious injury; alarms, all of which have to be taken as legitimate; calls involving officer in need of assistance; and fires involving homes and businesses.

All of the above involve situations where time is truly of the essence in order to prevent further injury or damage. As stated before, once the call goes out over the radio, the responding officer or fireman immediately starts formulating a plan of attack for once he or she arrives.

In addition, the shortest route must be calculated while taking into consideration the time of day and traffic situations in any particular area. The only assistance we ask for is the cooperation of the public in allowing us to do our jobs as quickly and efficiently as possible.

If you think in terms of the emergency involving a member of the family, perhaps it would be easier to pull to the right and allow us to proceed expeditiously.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: September 17, 1992.

County Looking Into Using Agawam Land For Recreation

Hampden County Commissioner Thomas J. O'Connor has announced that the County is looking into the building of a new golf course and new soccer fields on County-owned land in Agawam.

"This will be a sort of workingman's golf course with rates regulated so that everyone can play," O'Connor said.

"There's been a marked increase in the interest in these sports. We have the land—it's centrally located and would, I feel, be the best and highest use of it.

"The first soccer fields will be leased to the Town of Agawam. The golf course will be an 18-holer with a new clubhouse and pro shop, and it will be open to the public, just as Franconia and Veteran's are operated today," O'Connor said.

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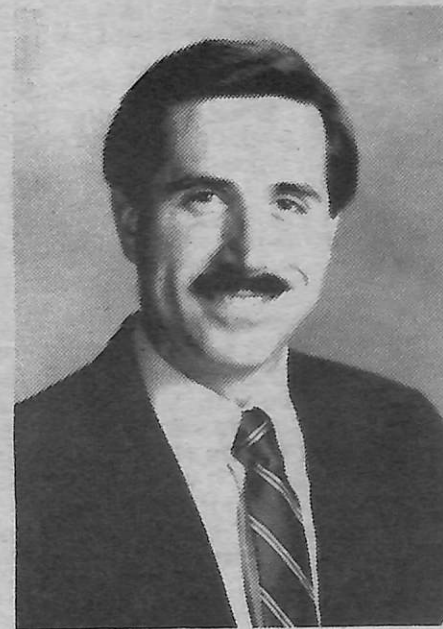
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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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MIKE WALSH SAYS THANKS!



The Fourth Annual Representative Michael Walsh Golf Tournament to benefit Project D.A.R.E. was a great success. The tournament committee would like to thank the following groups for their participation.

Through their generous efforts, the committee was able to raise over \$6,000 which will be donated to Project D.A.R.E. in Agawam, a program that teaches our children to avoid drug abuse. Additionally, this year we will also be donating some of the proceeds to CAPP (Child Abuse Prevention Project), a program in the elementary schools preventing child abuse and assault.

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Agawam Obituaries

Christ Is In Christine

*We'll abide in "Life's Memory Garden," Christine
With those luxurious and joyous days we've known;
Your gentle, pleasant voice and radiant smile
Genuine belovedness in your eyes had shone.*

*You've endowed to us all so much happiness
Your chalice of love to the brim and overflowed;
As we dwell in remembrance and thoughts of you daily
Being nourished by the blessings you have bestowed.*

*You have brightened all the days of our lives
With your simple pleasures that evermore please;
The strong wind passes over and then it is gone
But your fragrant love lingers like a gentle breeze.*

*We deeply and truly loved you with all our hearts
You consoled us amid hardships, pain and care;
Kissed away our hurts and soothed our wounds
Your tender, compassionate love taught us not to despair.*

*We poured out our problems to you without restraint
You responded with comforting strength and
consolation;
Yesterday's mistakes, dreaded weariness and sorrows
The fulfillment we realized thru your inspiration.*

*You are the gilded edges of Heaven's billowed clouds
And also, the sunny spot where God's beautiful flowers
grow;
The ardent empathy that lifted our troubled hearts and
hopes
Transformed our darkest days into a sunny golden
glow.*

*The "Good Book" relates of one particular miracle of
Christ
The parable of the few loaves and the fishes;
But He never retained your distinguished, magical talent
Reflected in your savory cookies and succulent dishes.*

*How blessed we are, for your having touched our lives
Exuding great kindness and tolerance with not one
complaint
You created a total and positive unit amidst us all
Truly, you must have been sent by God ... "A Saint."*

*We know you're smiling, watching and protecting us
now
As back in heaven, surely from whence you departed;
We do no longer feel saddened but rejoice with each
other*



CHRISTINE T. ROSE

*Your final freedom from cancer's pain makes us light
hearted.*

*So, Christine T. Rose, your short span here on earth
Bountifully enriched and taught us to love one and
other;
You were and still are a one very special Lady,
Friend, Daughter, Sister, Spouse and Mother.*

*Ray Rose
9/12/92*

Christine T. Rose Wife Of AAN Business Writer

Christine T. (Mitus) Rose, 40, of 688 South West Street, Feeding Hills, office manager and co-owner of Kenwood Management Group, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center following a long illness.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Wilbraham before moving to Feeding Hills 16 years ago. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

A 1969 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, she received an associate's degree in computer science from Springfield Technical Community College in 1971.

She was a member of the Rental Housing Association of Greater Springfield and the Massachusetts Rental Housing Association, the Springfield and Agawam Chambers of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau. Although she was a working mother, Mrs. Rose always said her first job was raising her two sons at home.

She leaves her husband, Raymond J.G. Rose Jr. (who contributes a weekly business column in *The Agawam Advertiser News*); two sons, Michael and Jeffrey, both at home; her parents, Mitchell and Theresa (Bolduc) Mitus of Wilbraham; three brothers, Steven, Peter, and Paul, and a sister, Nancy Coffey, all of Westfield; and six nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home, and in the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael and Jeffrey Rose College Fund, in care of Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 243, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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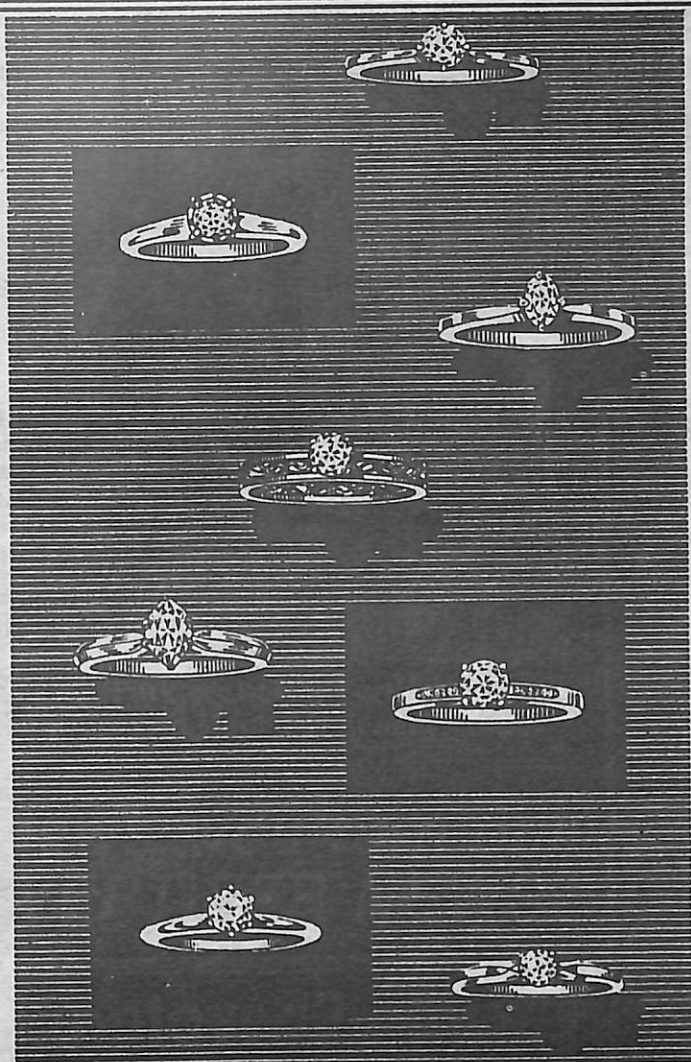


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Agawam Obituaries

Catherine A. Conway

Catherine A. (Barrett) Conway, 90, of 71 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, a retired 12-year employee in the housekeeping department of the former Springfield Hospital (now a part of Baystate Medical Center), died Sunday in that hospital. She retired in 1964.

Born in the Scitico section of Enfield, CT, she had lived in West Springfield and Springfield, and was graduated from the High School of Commerce. She had also lived in Chicopee before moving to Feeding Hills in 1972.

She was a singer and pianist and received first-place awards in recitals during her teenage years. She was formerly a soloist in the choir at Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield.

She was currently a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and a member of its Ladies Sodality and the Rosary Altar Society.

Her husband, Edwin H. Conway, died in 1977.

She leaves two daughters, Mary C. Ball of Greenville, Tennessee, and Elizabeth A. Conway of Springfield; a sister, Teresa Barrett of Agawam; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Enfield.

Ann T. Housand

Ann T. (Aloisi) Howard, 63, of 91 Walnut Street, Agawam, a former 11-year employee at the Southworth Paper Company in West Springfield, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

Born in Springfield, she lived all her life in Agawam.

She leaves three sons, Robert of East Longmeadow, Lee of Monson, and Paul of Huntington; two daughters, Judith Housand of Huntington and Carolyn Housand of the Woronoco section of Russell; her father, Arthur L. Aloisi of Agawam; a brother, Arthur R. Aloisi of Agawam; 12 grandchildren, and a friend, Raymond Cooley of Agawam.

The funeral was held at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield and in St. Anthony of Padua Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Marie P. Zucco

Marie P. (Markert) Zucco, 81, of 395 Suffield Street, Agawam, who, with her late husband, owned and operated Packaging Service Inc., died at home.

They established the company in 1949, and Mrs. Zucco retired in 1976 when her son, Vincent J., assumed responsibility.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, she lived in Agawam for 53 years. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a charter member of the Agawam Lioness Club.

Her husband, Nicholas Zucco, died in 1970.

Besides her son, she leaves two daughters, Ann M. Favreau of Feeding Hills and Dorothy M. O'Connell of Westfield; a brother, Donald of West Springfield; a sister, Mary King of Westfield; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nicholas Zucco Scholarship Fund, in care of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, 01001.

Margaret R. Houston

Margaret R. (Debro) Houston, 75, of 63 Silver Lake Drive died recently at home.

Born in Port Kennedy, Pennsylvania, she lived in Hartford and the area for 32 years before moving to Agawam 13 years ago. She was a WAVES in the Navy during World War II, and a communicant of St. John's Church.

She leaves her husband, R. Grant Houston; a daughter, Peggy Schoen-Kiewert of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and two sisters, Mary O'Donnell and Annie Ostroski of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

The funeral was at Hafey Springfield Chapels, with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, 01104.

Michael B. Goldschmidt

Michael B. Goldschmidt, 49, of 48 Harvey Johnson Drive died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a hairdresser in the city, and a counselor for Alcoholism and Drug Services of Western Massachusetts Inc., where he formed many friendships.

Born in Brookline, he moved later to this town.

He leaves his former wife, Mary (Beatty) Goldschmidt of Norwood; a son, William C., and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann York, both of Somerville, and a brother, Gerald of New York state.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Hafey Springfield Chapels is in charge, and memorial contributions may be made to Opportunity House, 61 St. James Ave., Springfield, 01109.

Fire-Wise

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks Home Safe Home

Is your home safe from fire? Most of us like to think so, but each year most people who die from fire die at home.

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LIVING OR FAMILY ROOM

- Eliminate overloaded electrical outlets.
- Minimize the number and lengths of extension cords.
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- Use metal screen in front of fireplace.
- Have large, deep ashtrays for smokers, and make sure all smoking materials have been extinguished before disposal.

KITCHEN

- Keep surfaces clean and free of grease.
- Do not leave the kitchen while the stove or oven is in use. Many fires begin during unattended cooking.
- Turn pot handles in so they can't be knocked off or pulled down by small children.
- If you have a grease fire, put a lid on it! Using water will spread the fire.

BEDROOMS

- Make a firm rule not to allow anyone to smoke in bed.
- Working smoke detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install one in your room. Test the detector monthly and change the battery annually.

- Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

BASEMENT, GARAGE AND STORAGE AREAS

- Have furnace, wood burning stove, or any other heating appliance inspected by a professional prior to each heating season.
- Keep areas around heating equipment free of papers, rags, or flammable liquids.
- Store gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquids in safety cans outside your home.

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- Keep matches and lighters stored where children cannot find them.
- Post emergency numbers on all phones.
- Don't let papers or trash accumulate.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Ag. Town Council Agenda For Sept. 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/8/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-52-A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer, With the Approval of the Mayor, to Borrow in Anticipation of Revenue for Fiscal Year 1993 (Mayor).

2. TR-92-54-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents Pertaining to the Exercise of the Town's Right of First Refusal Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61A With Regard to the Property Owned by David and Pamela Berry Which is located at Lots No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6, Barry Street, "Appleberry Estates," Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).

3. TR-92-55-A Resolution Accepting the Fiscal Year 1993 Equal Educational Opportunity Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1,130,479 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education (Mayor).

4. TR-92-56-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Ronald J. Hamel, 52 Federal Avenue, Aga., MA to the Agawam Veterans' Council (Mayor).

5. TR-92-57-A Resolution Supporting the Historic Preservation of the Charles C. Wright House, 5 North Westfield St., FH, MA (Coun. Gravel).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-92-6-(TR-92-53)-A Resolution Adopting the Residential Factor of (000000)(To be determined) Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 (Conduct Public Hearing)(Mayor).

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TO-92-30-Application for Permit for Video License to increase from 1 coin operated machine to 4 machines for The Quest, Inc. d/b/a Joey's Riverside Cafe, 1251 River Road, Aga., MA.

Council Honors Jane Dennis For Service



FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT JANE DENNIS, two-time organizer of the town's Fourth of July Festival and the 1991 "Buy A Box, Send A Bow" campaign during the Persian Gulf War, was honored by the Agawam Town Council on September 8th for her continued dedicated service to the community. From left - Town Councilor Louis Russo, Mrs. Dennis, Town Council President Joanne H. Willis, and Town Councilor Nancy Gravel. Advertiser News

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50-Year Reunion For AHS Class Of 1942



REMEMBER THE SUMMER OF '42 - Classmates from the Agawam High Class of 1942 gathered at Betty's Old Towne House for its 50-year reunion on September 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual "Friends" Banquet On Oct. 22nd

"Enjoyable, entertaining, and a good time" are words used to describe the Fourth Annual Friends/Council on Aging Banquet. Scheduled for Thursday evening, October 22nd, at the Oaks Banquet House, this event is one not to be missed.

Tickets for the social hour, banquet, awards ceremonies, and entertainment will be only \$20 per person. In addition, many businesses and individuals have sent sponsorships or ads for the banquet booklet.

All proceeds realized from the event will be used to support and/or supplement programs and activities for the area's senior citizens.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Dan Yorke, a local radio and television personality/host. In addition, musical entertainment will be provided by Libby Campa.

Tickets and reservations will be available through the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center. You may also purchase tickets from any member of the Council on Aging.

Tag Sale Slated For St. David's Church

A tag sale sponsored by the Women's Group will be held at St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, on Saturday, October 3rd.

The tag sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS who organized the 50-year reunion for the AHS Class of 1942, from left - Lorraine Maniscalchi, Sadie Ferraro, Madeline Guidi, Robert Davis, Donald Bennett, Shirley Wands, Marge Cebrelli, and Ruth Bowers. Related photo on next page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Wednesday Night Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, begins at 7:00 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 7:30 p.m.

The R.E.L.A.T.E. series is open to all. The series has six steps for connecting God's story with our stories: Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God. The series is lead by Barry Toussaint.

Playgroups at the church are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., for infants to five year-old children. Enjoy fellowship with other mothers, grandparents, and friends. For more information, call Sue Tapply, 786-1430.

On Sunday, September 20th, the Care Giving Program will begin at the Agawam Congregational Church at 6:00 p.m. All those who are interested in participating in the program are welcome.

Marion Hansen is In Care of the Hampden Association, heading toward a Commissioned Ministry in Pastoral Care. She will be leading these seven-week training sessions.

This Sunday, September 20th, church school commences at the Agawam Congregational Church. Classes for grades seven through 12 and adults will begin at 9:15 a.m.; crib room, nursery, and grades kindergarten through sixth will start at 10:00 a.m. For more information and registration, please call the church office at 786-7111.

One-hundred and seventy-five "anniversary" church cookbooks are coming, so reserve yours now! The cookbook is entitled "Breaking Bread Together," and the cost is \$8.50 per copy.

Call the church office at 786-7111 today to reserve your copies. The cookbook committee is comprised of Sue Tapply, Judi Brosseau, Jean Tharin, Louise Fuller, and Grace Tilden.

To help the Florida hurricane victims, the Agawam Congregational Church is now a drop-off for such items as bottled water, batteries, flashlights, household items, baby items, etc. They will be transported by an air cargo plane from Westover.

If you have any questions, please call Lori Greaney, 789-2773, or the church office, 786-7111.

Back In Agawam To Remember 1942



AGAWAM HIGH 1942 classmates gathered at Betty's Old Towne House for the big 50-year reunion on September 5th. Those classmates who traveled far and wide to attend included, from left - Roger Perry (FLA), June Hale Fischer (FLA), Lorraine & Wally Griffin (North Carolina), Clark & Doris Tyler (Georgia), and Roland Swanson (North Carolina). Related photos on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

WE APPRECIATE all the early birds who can bring in copy before Tuesday. The volume of news coming in is picking up and we appreciate your cooperation.

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*Speaking From The Bible...***You Can Have
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Do you ever wish for a new beginning? We can make such a mess of our lives that we may think: "I wish I could start all over again. It would be different this time."

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We also have the power of God to guide and help us in the present. We can be different because the Holy Spirit of God indwells us. He is our daily companion; He is greater than our emotional or physical habits; He can deliver us.

Also our future is secured. We have everything to look forward to since Christ will never leave us or forsake us. We may face many difficult situations, but we have Christ.

We are bound for heaven through His guarantee; we cannot slip or fall from His grip. His love and grace continually surround and enfold us.

You can have a new start that never ends when you receive Christ as your Savior, Lord, and Life. He will never fail you.

Campbell Drive Residents Celebrate Again

RESIDENTS OF CAMPBELL DRIVE again gathered at the home of Barbara & Freddy Roy for the Annual Labor Day Brunch and Block Party on September 7th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Reptiles Program At
Laughing Brook**

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is accepting registrations for "Biology of Reptiles," scheduled for Thursday evenings in October.

This four-part program taught by master naturalist Tom Tynning, will focus on the biology and natural history of reptiles with an emphasis on native New England species. Though living reptiles share certain traits such as scales and cold-blooded metabolisms, they represent a diverse group of only distantly related animals.

In fact, snakes are more closely related to birds than they are to turtles. Here is an opportunity to learn about reptiles as diverse as the giant leatherback sea turtle and tiny worm snake, poisonous snakes and those that play dead like opossums, reptiles that bear live young and those with their hips and shoulders inside their rib cages.

Pre-registration is required. Fees, \$20 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$24 for non-members.

For more information on this program or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

**Agawam Adults Invited To Participate In
Canoe Trips Sponsored By Laughing Brook**

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is accepting registrations for fall canoe trips.

All canoe trips are leisurely trips that focus on natural history. Participants must be able to swim and be at least 12 years of age. Canoes and equipment are provided.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Directions and an information sheet are sent after registration.

For more information on these programs or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8034.

*** Canoeing the Quinebaug, Saturday, September 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

This classic New England stream meanders through field, forest and farmland as it flows from Holland Pond towards Sturbridge. Enjoy the clear

autumn air, relaxing paddling and brilliant foliage of early turning swamp maples, as well as prospects for viewing great blue herons, dragonflies and migrating osprey.

Fees are \$16 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$20 for non-members.

*** Canoeing the Quaboag, Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Paddle the Quaboag River along a gentle seven mile stretch between Brookfield and Warrent as it wanders through a marsh rich in wildlife and aquatic plants. Osprey, muskrats, great blue herons, as well as migrating waterfowl and raptors highlight this easy paddle through marsh and forest.

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DANI BEAULIEU & YVON CORRIVEAU

Dani Beaulieu Moving To Maryland

Danielle Beaulieu of Agawam, daughter of Maureen (Vacirca) and Jacques Beaulieu, and Yvon Corriveau, son of Diane and Roger Corriveau of Welland, Ontario, are relocating.

The couple met while Yvon was playing professional hockey for the Hartford Whalers; and, after having lived together in Farmington, CT, for the past two years, Dani and "Ike" will now make their new home in Annapolis, Maryland, while Yvon continues his career.

On August 20th, the Hartford Whalers traded Yvon to the Washington Capitals, where he began his NHL career eight years ago.

Even though their respective families are sorry to see them go, they wish the couple the best of luck on their future together.

Hour Of Song & Prayer At Dominican Nuns Sept. 20

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon and Benediction.



MR. & MRS. LUIGI FERRENTINO

Linda Touchette Weds Luigi Ferrentino

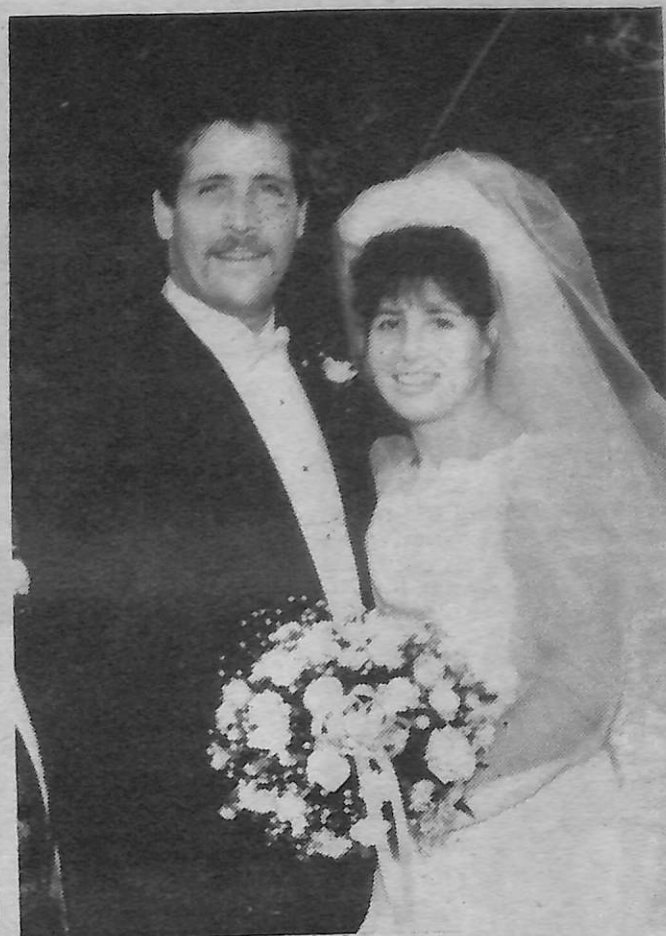
Linda Touchette and Luigi Ferrentino were recently united in marriage at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Touchette of 32 Columbus Street, Agawam. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Mario Ferrentino of 219 Mill Street, Agawam.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Debbie Ghidoni. Alphonso Ferrentino, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School. She is self-employed at her family restaurant, Jeff Allen's in Agawam.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and TCI of Windsor, CT. He is employed at Sarat Ford.

MR. & MRS. JOHN DONNELLY, JR.
(Photo by Philip's Photography)

Kimberly A. Moore Bride Of Mr. Donnelly

Kimberly A. Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of East Longmeadow, was married on the morning of August 8th, 1992 to John Donnelly, Jr., son of Mrs. Virginia Donnelly of Agawam.

The bride is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Mabel Miller of Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

Reverend Paul Briggs performed the ceremony at St. Mark's Church in East Longmeadow. The bride, escorted by her father, wore her mother's antique wedding gown with chapel train. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, roses, and baby's breath.

Miss Kelly McCormack was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kristin Malbeouf of Ware, and Hollie Moore of East Longmeadow.

Robert Knight of Springfield served as best man. The ushers were Kurt Donnelly of Raymond, New Hampshire, and Charles Donnelly of Portsmouth, Virginia.

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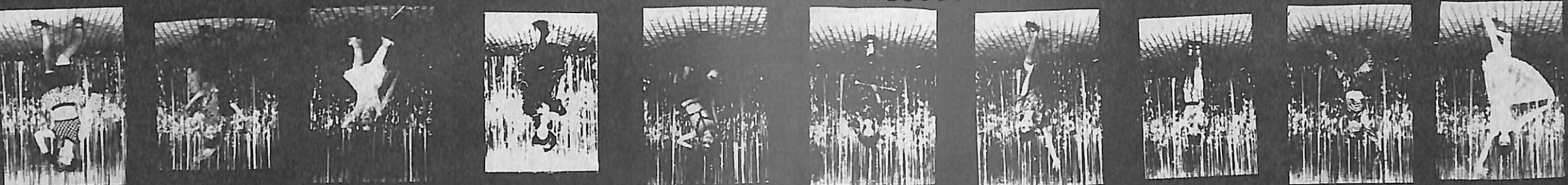
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Library Receives Grant For Expanded Services To Town's Elderly

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has announced that the Agawam Public Library has been awarded a \$19,520 Library Services and Construction Act, Title I Special Projects Grant entitled, "Expanded Library Services For The Aging."

This federal grant was awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for the period October 1992 to September 1993.

This project intends to meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of residents over the age of 60 by providing print and non-print materials, equipment and an expanded special area in the library.

Special programs will be designed to meet specific interests, and services will be extended to the homebound, the Senior Center and Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

Research has found that older persons who pursue their education are happier, better satisfied with themselves and less frequently ill; staying mentally alert tends to improve self concept, thereby promoting good mental health.

Senior citizens can pursue such mental alertness through materials and programs provided by the library. In 1990, there were 5,354 senior citizens aged 60 and over in Agawam, or 19.6% of the population, up 24% over 1980. That's why expansion of the library's services to the aging and their caregivers is critical.

The library made extensive contact with senior citizens, their caregivers, the Agawam Senior Center and Heritage Hall Nursing Home, who showed a great deal of interest and support for this project.

The library staff looks forward to working with all these citizens to make this project a great success.



TOWN OFFICIALS are beaming about a \$19,520 federal grant received by the Agawam Public Library to expand on services to the town's elderly. From left - Richard Mundo, executive director, Agawam Senior Center; Kay Aldrich, Senior Center; Mayor Christopher C. Johnson; Donna Campbell, chief librarian; Joe DePalo, Senior Center; and Thomas Ennis, town councilor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam United Methodist Church Slates Weekly Events; Big E Pie Booth To Open

This Sunday, September 20th, Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "Where Change Begins" at Agawam United Methodist Church at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Children's Sunday School begins at the same time for infants through grade six. New worshippers and Sunday School children are especially welcome.

Also on Sunday, the Evening Prayer and Song Service will start at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, September 21st, the church will hold an open Adult Bible Study, starting at 7:30 p.m.; on Wednesday, September 23rd, choir rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Agawam United Methodist Church will continue to bake its famous homemade apple pies for its Food Booth at the Eastern States Exposition.

Marjorie Barr is the coordinator of the Bakers' Group. The Booth is opposite the Rhode Island Building at "The Big E" and features full breakfasts and take-out menus. Percy Mickey is "The Big E" Project Chairman.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from Agawam High School. The public is always invited and urged to call Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991, for information.

Preschoolers Can Learn About Nature

The Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is offering a series of 11 weekly programs to introduce preschoolers to the ways of nature.

Sessions are available Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings, beginning the week of September 22nd.

There are no classes during the week of Thanksgiving.

Preschoolers will follow the transition from summer to fall and then from fall to winter, investigating a different topic every week. Their adventures include hiking in woods and fields, playing games, sharing stories and making crafts.

Fees for the series are \$77 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$93 for non-members. Group size is limited to 10 and pre-registration is required.

For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter with complete listings, call 413-566-8034.

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Heritage Hall News & Activities

Special Olympic Reception

The third annual Special Olympics Reception was held at North Building. Honored guests were Peter Kingsley III and Renate Klueh, "Rainbow" Campers.

Peter Kingsley III is an eight year-old boy getting ready to attend Benjamin Phelps School in the DLC II Class. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of nine months and has had physical and occupational therapy throughout his whole life.

At the age of 5½, he had an operation called a "rhizotomy," which involves going into the spine to remove dead nerves. Since this operation, Peter has improved in his abilities to get around now with the aid of crutches.

Peter also has strabismus, which has curbed a lot of his abilities to focus on what he looks at, and he wears glasses to hopefully strengthen those muscles. He also had surgery on his eye for this and may need surgery again.

Peter has been an inspiration to all who meet him and has much love and hope in himself. He enjoys playing Nintendo games, the beach, collecting sea shells, and social interactions of all kinds.

Renate Klueh, who is nine years-old, completed the second grade at Granger School in June and is now enjoying her fourth year at Camp Rainbow. She has a familial hand tremor which prevents her from completing fine motor tasks such as prolonged writing, drawing, etc.

Thanks to a marvelous team of Special Ed teachers in the Agawam schools and the Camp Rainbow staff, Renate is working to overcome these difficulties. Her bubbly sense of humor, outgoing personality, and infectious laugh make her readily liked by peers and teachers alike.

Renate makes friends easily and enjoys bug collecting, swimming, and playing card games.

The Special Olympics of the Hampden area received a \$25 gift in honor of Peter and Renate.



CAMP RAINBOW, the town's special needs summer camp, recently paid a visit to residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. The two campers pictured above are Peter Kingsley and Renata Klueh. Also in photo are Marsha Kingsley; Margaret Contin, Heritage Hall staff; and Lara Smith, assistant director of Camp Rainbow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Women's Exercise At St. John's Church

Are you looking for an exercise class in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere? One that will help you to strengthen, shape, and tone while having fun?

Perhaps you would like to join the Dancers N Motion ladies' classes at St. John's Church. Classes are \$3 each time you participate, and they are held on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m., and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, a creative movement class for preschoolers between the ages of 2½ and 3½ is being introduced on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. These tots will interact within the class and sing songs while learning elementary dance movements.

There is also a class beginning for boys. This class will meet at 4:45 p.m. on Mondays, and the suggested age of the student is 6 to 8½ years old.

For further information regarding these dance classes, please contact Grace at 786-6636.

Morassi Family Has New Son, Nicholas

John and Sue Morassi of Feeding Hills announce the birth of their son, Nicholas John Morassi. Born on September 1st, 1992, at Wesson Women's Hospital (Baystate Medical Center), he weighed six pounds and measured 18 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Sal and Marilyn Morassi of Feeding Hills, and Dolores Vinesett of Agawam. The great-grandfather is Frank Newton of West Springfield.

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IZETTE HUDSON

Birthday Party

Mrs. Izette Hudson was honored at her 103rd birthday with a party on August 27th given by fellow residents, friends, and staff.

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THE VALENTI CLAN OF AGAWAM gathered for a huge family reunion at St. John's Field on September 6th. IN PHOTO BELOW are members of the original family - Frank Valenti, Margerute Setterlund, James D. Valenti, Nicholas Valenti, Tillie DiPitato, and Domenic Valenti. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Citizens For Life To Meet In Agawam

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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 21st: Shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, September 22nd: Cream of broccoli soup, ham & cheese on rye, cucumber/tomato salad, baked custard.

Wednesday, September 23rd: Apple juice, meatballs & ziti, tossed salad, garlic bread, lemon square.

Thursday, September 24th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, green beans, pumpernickel bread, canned peaches.

Friday, September 25th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, oatmeal bread, canned pears.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Rev. Morris To Preach On "Who Is Jesus?"

At the 9:30 a.m. morning worship this Sunday, September 20th, at First Baptist Church, Pastor Morris will preach the following message - "Who Is This Jesus?"

At 10:45 a.m., church school classes for children, youths, and adults will be held. Everett Hodge is teaching a course on the Ten Commandments; Pastor Morris is teaching a course on the life of Jesus Christ.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall, there will be a presentation on the Youth Mission Trip. The youth of First Baptist Church spent a week in Buffalo, New York; they ran a Vacation Bible School, ministered to the elderly in a nursing home, and helped to build houses for "Habitat for Humanity."

The public is invited to hear about their experiences.

Play Group Formed At Methodist Church

A play group, sponsored by Agawam United Methodist Church, will begin Monday, September 28th, at 10:00 a.m.

The group will be held every Monday morning for about 1½ hours. Children will learn to share with others and sing songs in a playful, partially structured atmosphere, and snacks will be provided; moreover, it provides a great time for parents to relax and get together with others.

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Knitting Guild To Meet At Yarn Shop

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The topic for this month will be reports from The Knitting Guild of America Conference in Hoboken, N.J. and from the Stitches Fair in King of Prussia, PA.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome.

For further information, contact Sally at 536-2273 or Martha at (203) 745-5870.

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One group is designed for grieving family members and friends. It is held each fourth Monday of the month, this month being on September 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Different support groups designed especially and solely for those who have lost a spouse are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, this month being September 22nd. There is an afternoon group and an evening group.

The afternoon group is held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, in Agawam. The evening group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, lower church hall, 123 William Street in Springfield.

There is no pre-registration required. Participants need merely to attend any meeting they choose. All groups are free of charge and facilitated by Grief Counselor/Educator Lila Forastiere.

For further information, call 733-5311.

'Friendship Award' To Be Given At Banquet

Friends' "Friendship Award" will be awarded at the Friends C.O.A. Banquet to be held on October 22nd at the Oaks.

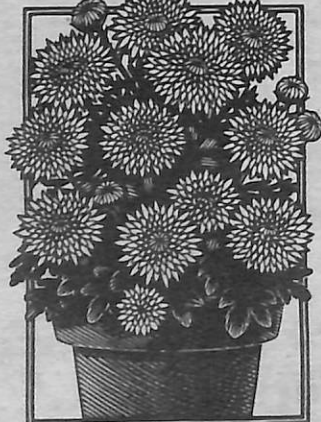
Any member of "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center may submit a name to be placed in nomination for this award. Applications may be picked up at the Senior Center and must be returned by September 26th.

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Ames Dept. Store, Video & More Help FLA Victims



AMES DEPARTMENT STORE in Agawam (PHOTO LEFT) helped with a collection of goods to benefit the victims of Hurricane Andrew in Florida. Christine Pike (right) was also at Video & More on Springfield Street to collect goods that were donated there. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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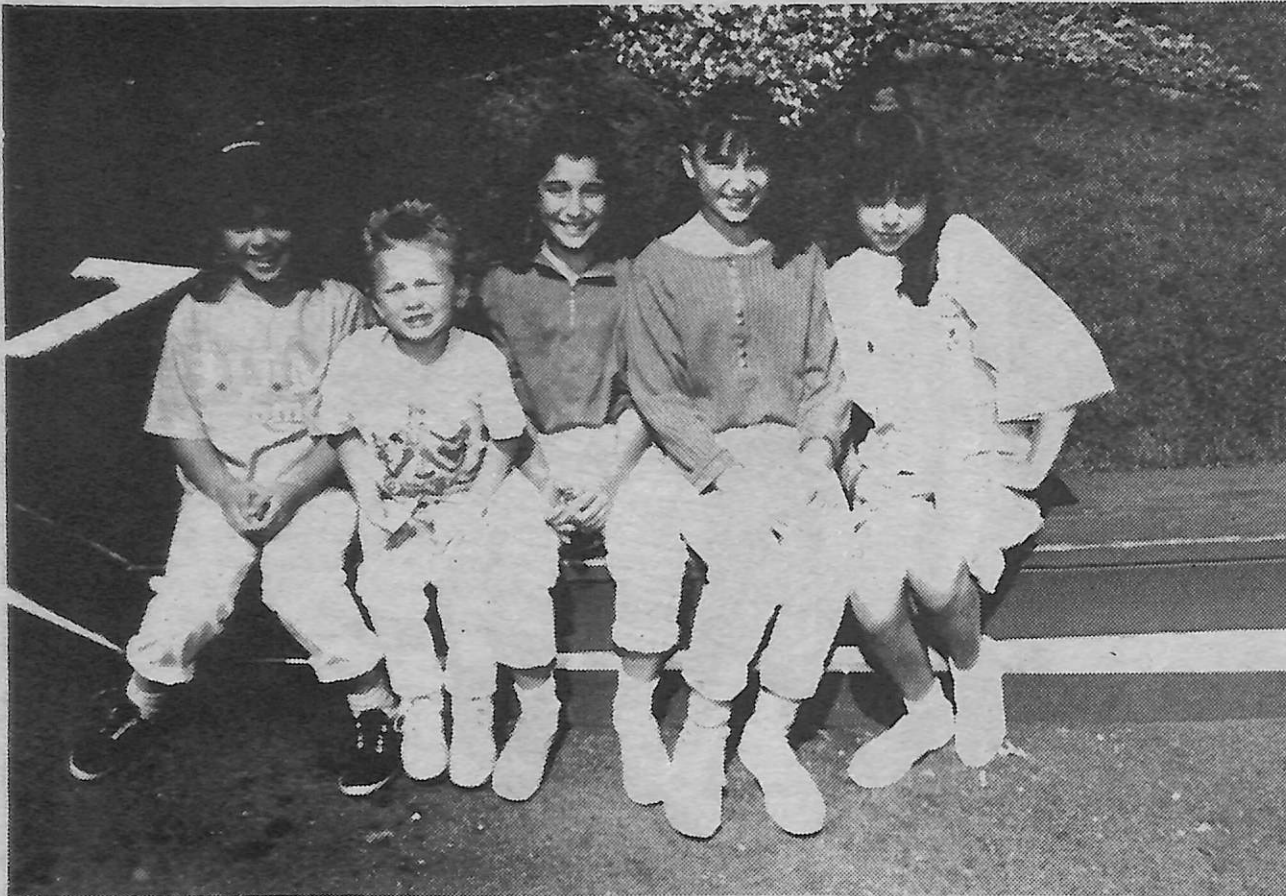
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Big Turnout For Agawam Day At Riverside



ENJOYING "AGAWAM DAY" at Riverside Park last Sunday are, from left - Stefania Liquori, Anthony Santaniello, Patricia Liquori, Michele Liquori, and Linda Santaniello. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KIMBERLY JONES of Agawam, an employee of Riverside Park, assists the Fortunato family, Linda, Joseph, and Bernadine with their tickets on "Agawam Day" last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Importance Of Disability Insurance

We've heard it all before and most of us would agree—serious illness or an accident can cripple the ability to earn a regular income.

But few of us pay much attention to that statement. We tell ourselves disability is something that happens to someone else, and we fail to include disability insurance in our financial plans.

Why does almost everyone need disability insurance protection? Consider these statistics from the National Safety Council and the Department of Housing and Home Finance:

- Nearly half of all mortgage foreclosures occur because someone in the family is disabled.
- Eight years is the average length of a disability lasting 90 days or more for those of you who are 35 to 45 years old.
- Your risk of death is 1 in 106; your risk of becoming disabled is 1 in 8.

Disability insurance is a policy that provides you with income should you become sick or injured and unable to work. It protects you and your family from financial hardship by keeping your income coming, even if you're unable to work for an extended period of time.

Some disability policies cover accidents, while others cover illnesses. Some policies cover both accidents and illnesses.

You should have a policy that covers the difference between your monthly expenses and the income you will receive from other sources while you are disabled—such as Social Security or distributions from employer-sponsored disability plans.

Most policies limit coverage to 60 to 70 percent of your gross earnings. (Companies don't want to pay more because they want to encourage people to return to work.)

And remember, Social Security is designed to pay benefits only for the most severe disabilities—those that are life-threatening.

When looking for a disability insurance policy, consider the following:

- Avoid a policy that contains any **occupation** clauses. These are clauses that call for benefits to stop if you cannot work at your regular job but would like to take a job in an occupation other than your own to help make ends meet.
- Look for an **own occupation** policy—one that will pay you if you're not able to continue in your job or occupational specialty. If you must find

Officials Beam About New Super Stop & Shop



OFFICIALS ATTENDING the announcement for the new Super Stop & Shop across the street from the entrance to the Junior High School included, from left - Ralph Depalma and Joseph Pacella, property owners; James Taylor, town councilor; Bill Carrozella, Super Stop & Shop; Phillip Pastan, Richmond Company, developers; Mayor Christopher C. Johnson; Eric Mallory, Richmond Company. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

employment in another field because your disability won't allow you to do your previous work, the policy will continue to pay you either for a certain period of time, or until you reach a specified income level.

• Your insurance carrier may cancel your policy at any time unless it is marked **guaranteed renewable**. Look for a policy that is **non-cancelable** as well. A noncancelable, guaranteed renewable policy is one on which the premiums remain the same from year to year.

• Check on the availability of **riders** covering spouses who become disabled, cost of living benefit increases when you are disabled, and future benefit purchase guarantees to cover income increases.

• Ask about **restrictions**—such as giving up smoking or losing weight—on any policy you're considering.

• Finding out how long **transition** benefits last—benefits that go to your spouse or dependents should you die while collecting a disability benefit.

• Find out how long your disability coverage lasts. Most insurance agents and financial plan-

ners advise their clients to purchase policies that have lifetime coverage, or at least, through normal working years.

• Premiums vary by age, sex, health, and occupation. Premiums also vary by the **elimination period** you choose. The elimination period is the time you must be off the job before your policy starts to pay—30, 60, 90, or 180 days, depending on how long you want to wait for disability insurance to begin.

The longer you wait for your benefits to start, the less you pay in premiums. If you think a waiting period of longer than a month would strain your resources, you may want to trade higher premiums for a shorter waiting period—or build your emergency fund to cover an extra 60 days.

• Consider supplementing your company plan with a policy of your own. Doing so could be especially important if your company gears its coverage to your base salary, rather than on what you earn in salary plus bonuses or commissions.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 567-1772.

New Disc Jockey School Opens In Agawam

To satisfy the growing demand for Mobile Disc Jockey services, Mark Ashe has opened the first Mobile Disc Jockey School licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Education. The Grand Opening Celebration was held on Wednesday, September 16th, at 916 Suffield

(Route 75), Agawam.

Mark Ashe has been the president of Mark's Rolling Dance Revue since 1979 when the service began, and has successfully performed for over one-million people. The success of his business is evidence of the Mobile Disc Jockey boom hap-

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Riverside Park Recognizes Employees



RIVERSIDE PARK RECOGNIZED two of its maintenance employees for outstanding service. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, Richard Duga was recognized for a "Maintenance Performance Award" by T.C. Freeman, Jr., director of Maintenance. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, employee Arlene Swenor was recognized by Freeman for her expertise in the signs-graphics & paint shop at the park. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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tion into a full-time or part-time career in an industry primed for growth in the '90s and beyond.

While other industries continue to struggle in the present economy, the Mobile Disc Jockey business is booming. According to Robert Linquist and Dennis Hampson, *Spinnin' 2000* (L.A. Communications & Pub., 1990), "It is estimated

that by the year 2000, there could be over 100,000 Mobile Disc Jockeys in North America."

There are several factors contributing to this trend. First, especially in a down economy, the Mobile Disc Jockeys offer a more affordable form of entertainment for night clubs, weddings, and parties over the traditional live band.

In addition, partygoers get the music they

know, performed by the original artists. Further, today's improvements in commercial sound and light technology (including the introduction of Karaoke) make it easier than ever for the traveling D.J. to "take the party on the road."

For further information, contact Mark Ashe, president, Mass. Mobile Disc Jockey School, Inc. (413) 789-9144 or 1-800-4DJ-MARK.

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Feeding Hills Medical Center

It's Friday evening and you have just gotten off work at 4:30 p.m. You have had a cold and bad sore throat for two days, but it is a lot worse today.

Tomorrow you are supposed to be leaving with your family for a one-week vacation. You get home and find that you are running a 101° fever and starting a slight cough. It's 5:00 p.m.

You call your doctor ... rrrrrnnngggg ...

... "This is Dr. X's answering service. Dr. X is out of the office until Monday. Dr. Z is covering, but he doesn't have office hours on weekends. Dr. X may be able to fit you into his schedule two weeks from now if you call back next week to make an appointment."

... "I want to see someone tonight."

... "We suggest that you try the emergency room."

... In the emergency room, you wait for several hours and watch several ambulances pull up, loaded with recent victims of heart attacks and severe auto accidents. Finally, it is your turn; the E.R. physician sticks a culture swab down your throat and tells you that they will call you in three days if it is strep.

You get home at midnight and wished you had just gone to bed early and skipped the E.R. experience.

During your vacation, your cough gets worse. Eventually you return from vacation and get in to see Dr. X for an office visit. He listens carefully to your lungs and says, "It sounds like you have developed pneumonia. I'll arrange an x-ray for you at the hospital ... you really shouldn't have let this go so long ..."

Soon afterwards, you change physicians. The following year you begin to feel ill again just before your annual vacation ... rrrrrnnngggg ...

"This is the Feeding Hills Medical Center. How can we help you?"

... "I'm sick. I'm Doctor Quinlan's patient. I have had a sore throat for two days, but it is a lot worse today and I just got out of work and I am going on

vacation tomorrow. I don't want to spend four hours in the emergency room ..."

"We'll, sir, we are open until 6:00 p.m. tonight. Dr. Quinlan is here tonight, and his partner, Dr. Dominguez, will be in tomorrow and also Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m."

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In the private practice, we emphasize preventative medicine. Our comprehensive health assignments are by appointment only and include cancer screening (breast, cervical, colon, skin, and prostate) and cardiac risk counseling, including lipid modification, blood pressure control, smoking cessation, etc.

We operate a full private practice, including a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week call schedule. Both our physicians are BC/BE internists (specialists in adult medicine) who maintain hospital admitting privileges to both Noble Hospital and Baystate Medical Center.

The Agawam Ski Team will be sponsoring an afternoon of "Rollerblade" activity on Friday, September 25th, between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. at Agawam High School.

Rollerblade is the newest sport for fun and fitness. Come and try the experience of Rollerblade.

For this afternoon of fun, rollerblades and safety equipment will be provided; the rental fee is \$2.50 per half hour. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Agawam Varsity Ski Team.

La Leche League Plans Sept. 21st Meeting

Can mothers who return to work still breastfeed their babies? Based on a recent survey of 567 employed nursing mothers, the answer is a resounding "yes."

The survey, done by Kathleen Auerbach, PhD (a sociologist, lactation consultant, and La Leche League leader), asked working mothers about problems they encountered with breastfeeding, as well as whether or not they would do it again.

Despite some obstacles, the survey respondents said overwhelmingly that it is possible to breastfeed while working outside the home. Many noted that they would breastfeed again, regardless of their employment status.

Most of the problems the women encountered were similar to those shared by mothers who are home full-time with their babies.

Fatigue headed the list, followed by problems with finding time to express milk and worry about milk supply. Dr. Auerbach notes that many of these problems can be prevented if a mother is well-informed about breastfeeding.

Support for breastfeeding mothers is growing, though many of the survey respondents reported negative reactions from co-workers and their own parents or in-laws.

La Leche League meetings are one possible source of both information and support for breastfeeding mothers, according to Jeanne Hill, leader for the La Leche League of West Springfield-Agawam.

Mothers at group meetings share breastfeeding information as well as ways of coping with the demands of motherhood. Meeting other breastfeeding mothers boosts women's confidence in their ability to nurse their babies; all mother (expectant ones, too) are welcome at group meetings.

The La Leche League of West Springfield-Agawam meets monthly. The next meeting is at the Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield Street, West Springfield, on Monday, September 21st, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or for answers to questions about breastfeeding, call Jeanne, 739-7923; Teresa, 734-5922; or Chris, 737-9700.

Time Limited Therapy Group At Agawam Counseling Ctr.

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a time-limited therapy group for women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The group will provide a safe, supportive environment for exploring and mastering past trauma and will be led by two clinical social workers who are experienced in working with this population.

The group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., starting in mid-October, and will run for 16 weeks. If interested, please contact Nancy Jessup, LCSW, or Constance Leslie, LICSW, at 786-6410 to make an appointment for a screening interview.

The Agawam Counseling Center accepts insurance, Medicaid, and has a sliding scale fee.

Child Abuse Training In Agawam In October

"Scared Silent: Exposing and Ending Child Abuse" recently aired on the three leading television and PBS. Oprah Winfrey narrated the program, presenting graphic case studies of sexual and physical abuse.

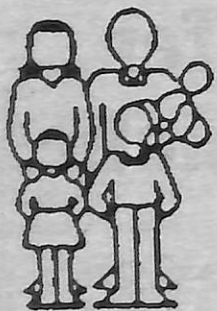
In response to this issue, a local community organization known as CAPP Inc. is looking for new volunteers for their upcoming training sessions.

The mission of CAPP—Child Assault Prevention Program—is to reduce the incidence of sexual

victimization of children through the educational

tion of both elementary school students and adults within their community. Volunteers give classroom presentations using role play and discussion.

Training will take place at St. John's Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, on October 1st, 8th, and 13th from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. All interested persons should contact either Joan Garrity at Fausey School, West Springfield (781-7550), or Phyllis Lewis at the Granger School, Feeding Hills (789-1400).



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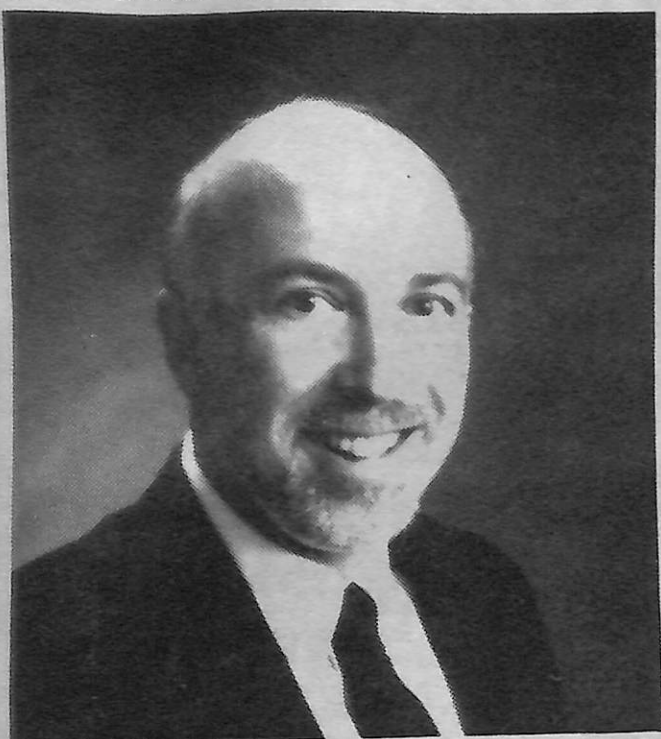
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Dr. Sobel To Discuss Parenting At Ag. Lib.

The Agawam Public Library will host a special parenting program on Wednesday evening, September 30th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Eminent educator Dr. Steven Sobel, will offer a spirited message, "It's a Great Life—Real Life Coping Strategies For Parents." He will focus on ideas that can be used to enhance life in general, and address the concerns of significant adult relationships as well as relationships with children.

Dr. Sobel has gained widespread recognition as a leader in professional and personal development programs in the U.S.A. and Canada, and his humorous, upbeat-style workshops and presentations have been acclaimed from coast to coast.

The program is made possible through the Early Childhood Library Services Expansion Project, federally funded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Agawam and Feeding Hills parents and caregivers are invited to register in person or to call the library at 789-1550.

Agawam Nurse Going To National Seminars

Specialists at the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health will be prominently featured at two national seminars this fall on rehabilitation medicine.

"Weldon specialists will play a key role in these seminars," said Carleen Nahorniak, director of nursing, "lending their experience and expertise on a variety of subjects."

Marge Robinson, R.N., C.R.R.N., nurse manager of Agawam, and Cynthia Jacelon, R.N., M.S., C.R.R.N., rehabilitation clinical nurse specialist, of Brattleboro, Vermont, will present a poster entitled "Managed Care and the Interdisciplinary Team for a Client-Centered Approach to Care of the Stroke Victim."

The presentation is planned at the fourth annual Stroke Rehabilitation Conference in Cambridge, MA.

Cindy Morin, R.N., C.R.R.N., of Palmer, will present a paper on music therapy and rehabilitation at the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses' (ARN) 18th annual Education Conference entitled "Education and Research: The Winning Combination" in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Also speaking at the ARN conference will be Terrie Black, R.N., B.S., C.R.R.N., of Hampden, who will present a paper on dysphagia and related nursing interventions, while Jacelon will speak on managed care and the interdisciplinary team.

Free Health Screenings For Elderly In Ag.

On Tuesday, September 29th, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., free health screenings for hearing and blood pressure will be held at Danahy Congregate on Maple Street, Agawam.

Physicians recommend that everyone have a hearing test annually; even those people now wearing a hearing aid—or those who've been told that nothing can be done for them—should have a test to keep track of their hearing loss and available help.

In regard to high blood pressure, because this ailment has no symptoms, periodic testing is advisable.

Acupuncture Program At Providence Hosp.

"Pain Control Through Acupuncture" will be the title of the next "Living With Cancer" program to be held on Monday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Providence Hospital auditorium.

Jane Bean of Greenfield, licensed acupuncturist, will be the speaker.

Ms. Bean, a native of Greenfield, has returned lately from the west coast, where she spent the last dozen years. She has a bachelor of science degree in biology from Portland State University and she is a graduate of the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine.

She has spent time studying Chinese Herbal Medicine at the Hei Long Jiang College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Harbin, China.

Her clinical experiences vary from treatment of acute problems to management of chronic disorders.

She also worked at the Hooper Detox Center, Portland, Oregon.

Her talk will be open and free to the public.

For further information, persons may contact Sr. Madeleine Joy, SP, chaplain and chairperson of the event, at the hospital at 536-5111.

Colitis Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Chron's and Colitis Support Group will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Auditorium.

Sue Ellen Duga, owner of Choice Health in

Westfield, is the invited guest speaker and will discuss nutrients and vitamins.

The Chron's and Colitis Support Group is free and open to the public.

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Arts

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey are the on again/off again loves whose story is loosely intertwined with a fictionalized account of one of the greatest races in the world - The America's Cup.

Wind, delayed from a summer release in the hopes of attracting a larger autumn audience, may fall short (far short) of box office records, but it is nonetheless an engaging film, once you cast the non-essentials aside.

Modine is Will Parker, a sailor with that 'something special' that puts him head and shoulders above his fellow crew members and in line for his own crew at some future time and place. As the tactician for the wealthy Morgan Weld (Cliff Robertson), he is credited with the loss of the America's Cup to Australia in one of those great Newport (Rhode Island) races.

Modine is in love with Kate Bass, an aeronautics designer by trade and racer by choice, but her sex gets in the way of a slot on the crew in this male-dominated sport.

They part ways, only to meet up again in the deserts of Utah, where the unconventional blend of aviators and seamen begin to design a winning boat and head after a dream ... a dream in which they win back the Cup.

The dialogue is often sparse, leaving the audience guessing at deeper motives, at personal histories, at true intentions.

Grey shifts too easily from the devastation of a split with Modine into a relationship with aeronautics designer Joe Heiser (Stellan Skarsgard), and then too easily back to Modine. And Heiser's head seems just as easily turned by the Weld heiress, Abigail (Rebecca Miller), and her investment into the dream.

What is out of place is Morgan Weld's descent into so called "ruin" after losing the cup; the scenes in his Newport Mansion in disaray, liquor bottles askew, playing a sadistic form of Russian Roulette with a handgun, leave a distasteful feeling and a realization that in this instance, the plot has overstepped itself.



MATTHEW MODINE and JENNIFER GREY star in "*Wind*," now playing at the Showcase Cinemas in West Springfield.

What is wonderful is the segment with Bass chasing her truck across across the salt flats as she tests a new sail she's designed.

Wind has enough such moments (most of them at sea) to more than redeem its other sins.

The sailing segments are richly peopled with the yacht club set and the multi-million dollar boats on which world championships rest.

In fact, the racing sequences are what this film is all about, and the aerial footage alone is worth the viewing.

Carroll Ballard directed, and directed wonderfully, especially when 'at sea' with his subjects. Through his eyes we see the physical stamina, the split-second timing, the choreographed movement, and the tactical planning that goes into winning such a race.

Of equal fascination are the bits and pieces of design, the views of boats in progress, the sights

and sounds of the sails, and the crash of the hull against the waves.

In a fine supporting role, the audience is given Jack Thompson as the Australian skipper Jack Neville, who has little to do but does it so well, even when it's just wordless expressions.

Interspersed with the sailing are 'narrations' by a pseudo-commentator for 'television' who manages to put the logistics of a winning sail into perspective with on-screen diagrams ... just enough to make sense of the process for non-sailors.

From the silence of a dead calm sea, to the rush of the surf against the hull, to the flapping of the silk sails in the wind, *Wind* is entertaining, taking the viewer on the ride of a lifetime.

It makes one forget all the piddling stuff in between.

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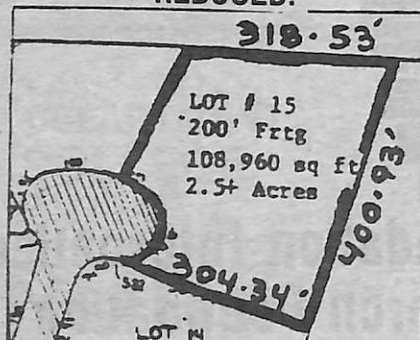
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- Lunch usually finds everyone on their own. Adults are entertaining at business lunches or grabbing a quick bite on the run. And the children are at school trading their sandwich and fruit for a candy bar.

- Supper is the meal that people and families are likely to eat together, and is usually the largest meal of the day.

With so many people choosing such a large part of their caloric intake independently, nutritional knowledge has become vitally important. Surveys show that Americans are now starting to change their eating habits and are more aware of the nutritional importance of good eating

behaviors.

Keep an Eating Record this week and not only what you eat but when you eat. See what eating patterns and food choices have evolved from your lifestyles.

With this in mind, you can plan how to make healthy choices and fit nutritional eating into your lifestyle. Make sure to get at least "three squares" a day.

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1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1/8 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
Vegetable oil cooking spray
1 tsp. vegetable oil
1/4 onion, chopped
1/4 green peppers, chopped

Combine lemon or lime juice and spices. Pour over chicken and marinate 30 minutes to an hour in the refrigerator.

Coat a skillet with vegetable oil cooking spray; add oil and chicken. Cook at medium-high for 2 minutes. Add onion and green peppers. Stir-fry for 3 to 5 minutes.

Heat flour tortilla and serve with chopped lettuce, tomato, mushrooms and shredded cheese (optional). Fill tortilla roll.

Makes 4 servings. Each serving: 3 oz. protein; 1/4 fat; 2 plus veggies.

Agawam Poet Agnes R. Neylon Smith

The Earth Speaks

*This tired old Earth is sad and very blue,
Because of the ignominious things so many of us do;
Some are lazy, but some just don't even care,
They just throw their rubbish here and everywhere;*

*Some are polluting the land, some the air and seas,
Many of Earth's creatures are dying of disease;
The Lord created the Earth beautiful, for everyone to
share,
And I feel so very sad, when so many don't even care;*

*My beautiful ancient cedar trees are felled for one one's
need,
But just because some men are enraptured with greed;
My friend the spotted owl has lost his cozy home,
All the owls are frightened and lost, and are oh so alone;*

*If only people would think, that I won't last very long,
If they keep abusing me; what they're doing is wrong;
If just one person, doing a very special deed,
Then all of the others would see, and maybe they would
heed;*

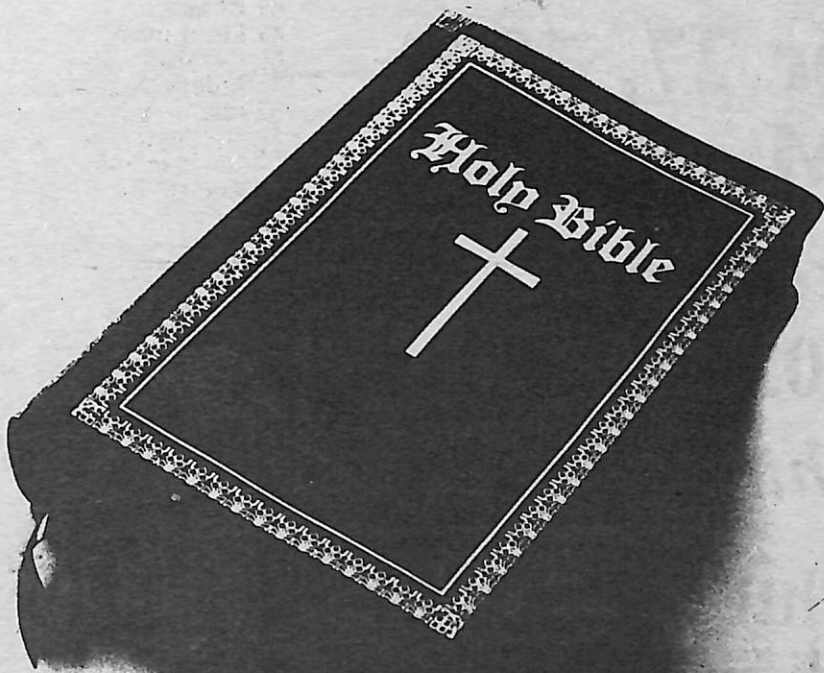
*If I see all my creatures, and forests and lakes,
All clean and protected, that's all it takes;
So let's all work together and keep the Earth pure,
Then I'll be so happy, and my life they will ensure.*

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StageWest Offering Strong 1992-93 Season

StageWest, Western Massachusetts' resident professional theatre, located at One Columbus Center in downtown Springfield, is entering its 26th season.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Eric Hill and Managing Director Martha Richards, StageWest is presenting the following works for its mainstage 1992-93 season: *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Holiday Memories*, *Other People's Money*, *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof*, *Shirley Valentine*, and *Love Letters*.

The S. Prestley Blake Theatre, StageWest's mainstage, has a 450-seat capacity. It is wheelchair accessible and it is equipped with an infrared listening system for the hearing impaired. The box office is TTY accessible.

StageWest also has the 80-seat Winifred Arms Studio theatre, used primarily for intern and experimental productions. Convenient, low-cost parking is available in the Columbus Center parking garage above the theatre, and the elevators connect the lobby to all levels of the garage.

Directed by Kent Thompson and sponsored by Bank of Boston and New England Telephone, Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* tells the story of what happens when the world-famous tenor, "Il Stupendo" Tito Merelli, fails to appear for his gala performance as Otello with the Cleveland Grand Opera.

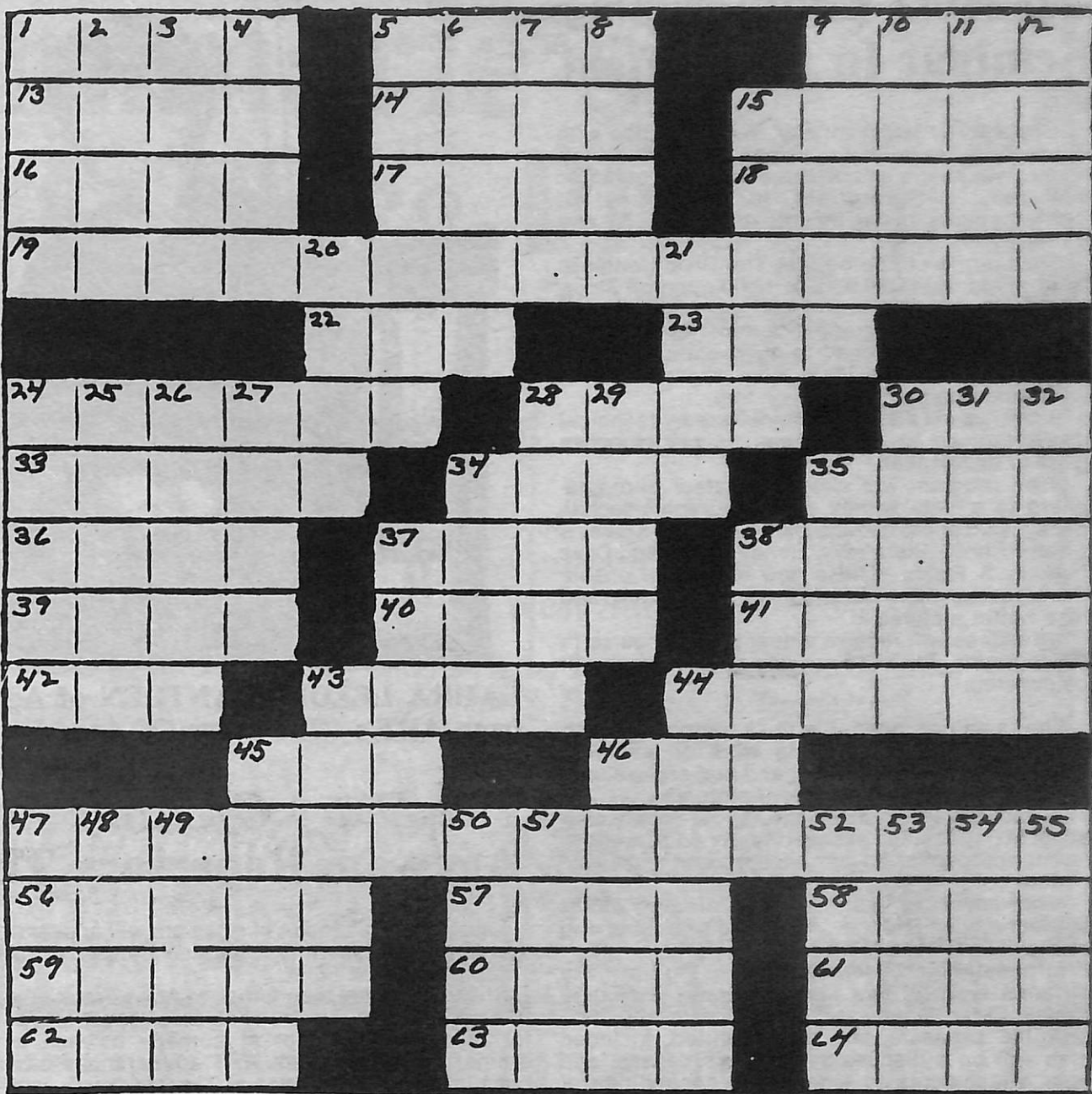
Find out in this sensational comedy that's set in the 1930's. *Lend Me a Tenor* was a huge hit on Broadway and in London's West End. *New York Magazine* called it, "Free-flowing, honest-to-goodness, unforced farce."

The previews for this show are slated for October 21st and 22nd, and its regular run begins on October 23rd and closes on November 15th.

Performances are held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.; and there will be 2:00 p.m. matinees on Wednesday, November 4th, Saturday, November 14th, and on every Sunday of the run.

Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$28, depending on the performance and seat location. For ticket information, call the box office at (413) 781-2340, Tuesday through Sunday, between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.; for group sales, call (413) 781-4470.

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- 28 Change direction
- 30 1930's work group
- 33 Pitcher Ryan
- 34 European deer
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- 37 Baba etal
- 38 Designer Cassini
- 39 Meadows
- 40 "Take it on the —"
- 41 Go to Gretna Green
- 42 Total up
- 43 African country
- 44 Put away
- 45 Prefix: before
- 46 French coin
- 47 End of quote
- 56 Graduates
- 57 Repel in a big way
- 58 Take on
- 59 Omits
- 60 Oriental nursemaid
- 61 Over
- 62 Famous bugle call
- 63 Matched pairs
- 64 Trueheart

DOWN

- 1 Opposite of fem.
- 2 Ms. Fitzgerald
- 3 Actor Ames
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- 5 Next to
- 6 Expunge
- 7 "— of enchantment"
- 8 On the briny
- 9 Serving items
- 10 Hook end
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- 12 Musical symbol
- 15 Different
- 20 Tall tales
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The Kodak Photographic Seminar is an educational program designed to build enthusiasm for photography by providing new approaches for capturing familiar subjects on film.

Students will also gain the necessary technical understanding to make these new approaches easy to accomplish.

"The program will expose amateur photographers to a wide variety of photographic techniques," said photo dealers Dick Kinney of Kinney's 1 Hour Photo, Diera from Honey Photo and Dave from In A Flash. "These new ideas will enable them to use their cameras more creatively and take better pictures."

Attendees will receive virtually a full course in photography. Ten wide-ranging subject areas will be covered.

The seminar opens with a program which showcases the outstanding work of amateurs who used skill, imagination, and non-professional equipment to take exceptional pictures.

A fast-paced, multi-image show (containing some 500 first-class slides) directly compares different approaches to composition and makes exposure controls easy to understand.

More advanced skills (such as creative focusing techniques and the proper use of natural and artificial lighting) will also be explored.

Information on choosing from among the many different types of film available today (including Kodak Ektar films), and giving them the best possible exposure, will be presented. Included also will be a discussion of filters, lenses, and lens attachments to extend the capabilities of most 35mm cameras.

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LAURA LEZON-SCANTLEN of Agawam with Alan McPherson in a scene from ART's "The Diary Of Anne Frank."

The Diary Of Anne Frank Opening By Agawam Repertory Theater In Feeding Hills

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She will portray the mother of Anne Frank. She has appeared in numerous roles on local stages for many years. Adept at comedy as well as drama, her most recent ART appearances have been in the female version of *The Odd Couple* and *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*.

The Diary of Anne Frank will be presented September 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and 27th at the Red Door Theater at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. The theater is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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Education School Committee OKs Courses On AIDS Awareness

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Kathleen McSweeney, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, presented the School Committee with an update on the AIDS curriculum during its meeting in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria last week.

Miss McSweeney told the Committee, "The AIDS curriculum is one of the areas that needs to be addressed right away in grades kindergarten through grade 12."

She told the board strands have been designed to present to faculty during in-service days. "Jerry Davoli, PhD, is a representative for the AIDS Awareness Education. He holds his doctorate in public health and has done several public service programs."

"He will be able to do the in-service training within each building," said Miss McSweeney.

Dr. Davoli will act as the AIDS/Health Education consultant through a grant received from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs.

"We are asking for volunteers," Miss McSweeney said. "I have spoken with school nurse Marilyn Johnson and the other nurses, the principals, and my physical education staff (for support and cooperation)."

It was stated that the volunteers must have the capability to teach the curriculum and have a report with the students at each level. "We are looking to do this teaching the first two weeks of March," said Miss McSweeney.

She added, "Prior to the classes, we will have a parents' night and a permission slip going home to the parents."

Dealing With The Reality Of AIDS

At Agawam High School, students will be told that abstaining from sexual intercourse is a 100-percent way of not getting AIDS, and various ways of transmission will be discussed, as well as any concerns students may have.

Miss McSweeney noted, "There may be readings in English classes and math problems in those classes pertaining to the subject. There will be an AIDS individual in each building as a resource."

In kindergarten through grade four, students will have one lesson for 30 minutes. "We are looking to alleviate their fears. Fear of the unknown is the worst kind," said Miss McSweeney.

The last in-service will take place in January 1993, and the board voted unanimously in favor of proceeding with the program. Miss McSweeney also received permission from the School Committee to teach some of the classes.

The information taught to the students will include an explanation of the disease, myths versus facts, modes of transmission, protection and risk reduction, and treatment for the secondary levels. The instructor will be able to answer questions and address concerns of the students.

Students up through grade four will receive only one lesson on AIDS awareness, while students in grade five and six will have two lessons.

Students at the junior high will have three lessons, and high school students will receive four sessions.

AHS Students Attend Drug Abuse Camp



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Jaime Lewis (photo below) and Joan Mineo (photo above, left) participated in the Massachusetts National Guard's QUEST Program conducted at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod in August. QUEST was designed by the Mass. National Guard and is aimed at reducing drug use in the communities across the state. Jaime and Joan, were part of a group of 108 teens from Mass. to learn techniques to counter drug and alcohol abuse in their respective communities. The camp was held August 15th to 22nd.



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AHS Faculty Member Judi Lech Attends Prestigious Educational Conference In Germany

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School teacher Judi Lech was one of four instructors chosen to represent the National Endowment for Humanities and the United States at the Second Annual Conference of the International Society for the Classical Tradition in Tübingen, Germany, this summer.

Mrs. Lech's involvement began in the summer of 1990, when she was one of 32 instructors from across the country chosen to participate in an institute funded by NEH and held for four weeks at Holy Cross College.

The institute was entitled "*Polis and Res Publica: Classical Political Theory and the U.S. Constitution*." Mrs. Lech said, "Its purpose was to encourage social studies teachers to include more material about the Greek and Roman influences on U.S. government, and to urge teachers of Latin to teach more about Greek and Roman culture, and to do so in new ways."

She noted, "At the time, I was teaching a course called 'Government and Geography' and also teaching Latin, so I was a 'two-fer.'"

"The institute was stimulating. Not only did we read and discuss 12 books ranging from Plato's *Republic* to Meyer Reinhold's *Classica Americana - The Greek and Roman Heritage in the United States*, but we also heard lectures by and had discussions with noted professors from across the U.S. and Canada," said Mrs. Lech.

During the institute, Mrs. Lech developed a curriculum unit which she used during her teaching (1990-91) at AHS.

She also made presentations at Mount Holyoke College and the Northeast Social Studies Conference in Boston. These presentations resulted in her being chosen as one of the four participants from the original 32 to represent NEH and the United States in Germany.

Details Regarding Trip To Germany

Mrs. Lech described her trip, saying, "The four of us, myself and teachers from Maryland, Texas, and Wyoming, were accompanied by Dr. Marie Cleary of the Five Colleges, Inc., and Dr. David Shaefer of Holy Cross College, as we presented papers and a seminar on the importance of teaching the classics."

She added, "My paper was entitled, '*The Purpose of Government in a Democratic Republic and the Role of the Citizen in Actualizing that Purpose, or Why Do We Have the Government We Do and Where Do I*

Fit In?' My thesis was that if democracy is to be perpetuated, an educated and involved citizenry is essential."

"If students are to become involved citizens, they need to understand the significance of government and the role the individual plays. The



AHS FACULTY MEMBER JUDI LECH

Greek and Roman philosophers provide much food for thought for young people as they consider their futures and ask the question, 'Where do I fit in?'" stated Mrs. Lech.

The co-directors of this year's conference were Professor Meyer of Boston College, and Professor Wolfgang Hasse of Tübingen University (Germany).

Mrs. Lech stated, "Our papers were well-received and it was really a very exciting experience. We had an opportunity to discuss the classics with educators from schools, colleges, and universities around the world."

In her own classroom at AHS, Mrs. Lech says she "uses the classics to try to invigorate the process of society." She noted that "democracy is the basis where I attempt to bring 'virtus' (virtue) and 'pietas' (piety) or a sense of responsibility to the students."

Mrs. Lech added, "The classics should be studied for the sake of the work, its beauty, and because the Latin language has many derivatives in the English language. It is good for SAT studies, and the fields of law, medicine, and archaeology."

Class Philosophy

"My class philosophy is to introduce expressions to help students not to be consumers, but to become shareholders that are contributing as well as taking when needed," she said.

The goal of the International Society for the Classical Tradition is to support and foster research in and teaching of the reception of all aspects of Greek and Roman antiquity in all periods and cultures (from antiquity to the present), according to Mrs. Lech.

She added, "The Society is also committed to outreach into secondary schools and beyond scholarly and educational circles into the general public."

This was the first European meeting of the Society and it was held August 13th through 16th. The Society has approximately 350 members from 23 countries. The conference involved a program of over 150 papers, with presenters from 20 countries.

Mrs. Lech noted, "In addition to all that, the trip was made even more wonderful by the fact that my husband and I went over before the conference and stayed afterwards."

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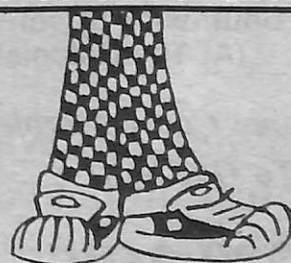
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*** High School (Feeding Hills), 2:45 P.M.**

Right Mill, onto SPRINGFIELD ST. - no stops before NORTHWOOD, rt onto N. WESTFIELD ST., left N. WEST ST., onto S. WEST ST., left BARRY ST., left S. WESTFIELD ST. (last stop Springfield & S. Westfield)

*** High School (Agawam), 2:45 P.M.**

Left Mill, rt SUFFIELD ST., left SOUTH ST., left MAIN ST., rt RIVER RD., left LEONARD ST., rt MAIN ST., onto SPRINGFIELD ST., left ROWLEY (last stop Rowley & Springfield)

*** Junior High (Feeding Hills), 3:15 P.M.**

Left Springfield, rt N. WESTFIELD - no stops before NORTH STREET, left N. WEST ST., onto S. WEST ST., left BARRY ST., left S. WESTFIELD, rt SHOEMAKER LN., left SILVER ST., left GARDEN (last stop Garden & Orlando)

*** Junior High (Agawam), 3:15 P.M.**

Right Springfield - no stops before PORTLAND, left ARNOLD, right NORTH ST., onto Springfield St., onto MAIN ST., left MEADOW ST., around rotary to RIVER RD., rt LEONARD ST., left MAIN ST. (to state line if necessary), right or left SOUTH ST., rt SUFFIELD ST., left MILL ST. (last stop LINE & MILL)

*** Middle (Agawam), 3:45 P.M.**

Right MAIN, left MEADOW ST., around rotary to RIVER RD., right LEONARD, left MAIN (to state line if necessary), right or left SOUTH ST., onto SHOEMAKER LN., rt SILVER ST., left SUFFIELD ST., left MILL ST. (last stop MILL & RHODES AV.)

*** Middle (Feeding Hills), 3:45 P.M.**

Left Main onto SPRINGFIELD ST. - no stops before Cleveland, rt LETENDRE AV., left NORTH ST., rt N. WESTFIELD ST., left N. WEST ST., onto S. WEST ST., left BARRY ST., left S. WESTFIELD ST., rt, SHOEMAKER LN. (last stop CESAN & SHOEMAKER)

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"We spent three days seeing the sights in Paris, then traveled by car through eastern France, across Switzerland, including traveling the mountainous Furka Pass, and through Austria before going to the conference.

"A definite highlight was going to Lech, Austria, a beautiful little town tucked in the mountains of Austria. After the conference, we drove north through wine and castle country along the Rhine and through the Netherlands to Amsterdam and the seaside village of Vollandam," she added.

Scouts Hold Car Wash At Methodist Church



BOY SCOUTS held a fundraising car wash at the Agawam United Methodist Church on August 29th. From left - Mark Urrea, Eric Hogan, Mike Hogan, Nick Penna, Victoria Urrea, and Chris Rousseau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Renaissance Program At AHS Continues To Progress Along

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Students discussed possible new senior class privileges during the first "Renaissance" meeting last week. The rewards of being on time to school through this new program were also reviewed.

Agawam High School teachers and approximately 25 students met to discuss organizational committees for the initiation of the Renaissance Program last Wednesday (September 9th).

Renaissance is designed to serve as an incentive and reward system for students to achieve academic excellence. AHS Gold Plus cards will be presented to students who achieve honor roll status (80 average or better), have records free of disciplinary referrals, and have no more than one tardy per term.

AHS teachers Dorothy Martin (co-chair), Irene Thomas, Sharon Kiddy, Joseph Zabielski, Linda Beecher (co-chair), and Everett Talmadge asked students to sign up for several committees.

These included public relations (to follow up with visits and phone calls on the 185 letters sent out to businesses); designing and setting up the school showcase; making intercom announcements to create student "hype" about the program; conducting a t-shirt contest to create a design for the Renaissance shirt to become unique to Agawam; surveying students to find out what kinds of rewards and privileges they are looking for; and putting together a coupon booklet.

Mrs. Martin said, "We are still looking for underwriting on the Renaissance cards and t-shirts, and we are going to need parental support for the induction ceremony in November."

She added, "The kids have bought into this and we have a vested faculty. I'm really excited about the program and the response we've had."

Mrs. Martin said the Renaissance Committee would like to publicly thank the following businesses for their generous responses to date:

Discounts to Renaissance card holders at AHS will be given at Country Flowers; Agawam Medical Equipment; Agawam Cleaners; Spotlight Video; Jay's Barber Shop; Agawam Opticians; Dr. Stephen Jacaparo, dentist (10 percent); and Ski Connection (10 percent).

Ski Connection will also give preferential hiring to AHS students, as will Westfield Savings Bank.

John's Trucking and the Agawam Lions Club contributed a monetary donation, and Park West Bank and Trust has given \$200 toward the purchase of U.S. savings bonds.

Mrs. Martin added, "We would also like to thank the AAN for allowing us the space to publicize our program and thank our contributors."

"In the future, we will also present Gold cards to students who have no grade lower than a 'C,' have excellent or good effort grades, maintain a record free of disciplinary action, and have no more than one tardy per term," said Mrs. Martin.

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SAT SCORES AT AHS - from Page 1...

The Monday night classes will run from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., splitting the math and verbal sessions to approximately one hour and 15 minutes each. The course will run for eight weeks and will conclude prior to the next SAT testing date in November.

Cavallo said, "We can look at the seniors' scores (from their junior year) in May as a pre-test, and compare them with the SAT test they take in November."

Cavallo noted, "Seniors take the test more seriously and are more mature, so they usually will improve their scores in November."

He added that the SAT prep course will teach students "test-taking hints, familiarize them with the types of questions on the test, how to take the test, and give homework assignments."

Cavallo remarked that he was not guaranteeing a rise in the students' scores. "It's what a person puts into it (the course)," he said.

"We must make a careful examination of the study skills taught in kindergarten through grade 12. I think this is the crux of the matter, and I think it is incumbent upon the School Committee to see if this can all be tied together," said Cavallo.

He added, "We must also, as parents, encourage our children to read. Perhaps we can infuse outside reading into the curriculum."

Cavallo told the school board that 1992 AHS seniors did average higher scores than the previous year's graduates. He noted a "44-point spread" between the math scores for boys at 474

and girls at 430.

On the verbal section, boys averaged 417 points while the girls averaged 397 points for a total average of 407 (an increase of four points above 1991 average scores).

There was a six-point increase to 452 on the math scores. However, Agawam students still fell below state averages of 428 for verbal and 474 for math.

Cavallo said, "We have beefed up our curriculum at the high school with the ninth grade coming in, but a lot still depends on the challenging courses the child takes while attending the high school."

Superintendent James Bruno elaborated on Cavallo's statement, telling the School Committee that the results of the increased curriculum credit criteria for graduates of 1995 may not become evident until those students begin taking the SATs.

Bruno commented that students entering the high school last year will now be required to take an additional year of science, math, and social studies.

School Committee member Roberta Doering asked Cavallo if he had spoken with the AHS faculty to inform them that the school is below state averages (on the SATs), and to discuss "how they can help to encourage our students to strive for taking more challenging levels of studies."

Cavallo noted that the guidance office did try to encourage students in course selection, but felt that the student's track was already determined by the entrance to high school. He reiterated that he would like to have study skills classes offered at the lower levels.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 21st: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, carrot coins, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, September 22nd: Rotini with meat sauce, bread & butter, seasoned Italian mixed vegetables, chocolate cake with vanilla icing or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, September 23rd: In-Service Day, ½ day of school—no lunches served.

Thursday, September 24th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, ½ baked potato, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, September 25th: Oven roasted turkey, whip potatoes, gravy, sweet peas and carrots, bread & butter, ice cream, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Safety Being Taught At Bambi School

Children at The Bambi School are being exposed to proper safety habits for bicycle, tricycles and riding toys this week in a program designed not only for the children but also for their parents.

"Bicycle accidents are a problem among children, but many parents are unaware of its extent," said Sylvia Molta, director of The Bambi School. "With safety stories and special coloring sheets, we are exposing our youngsters to good habits."

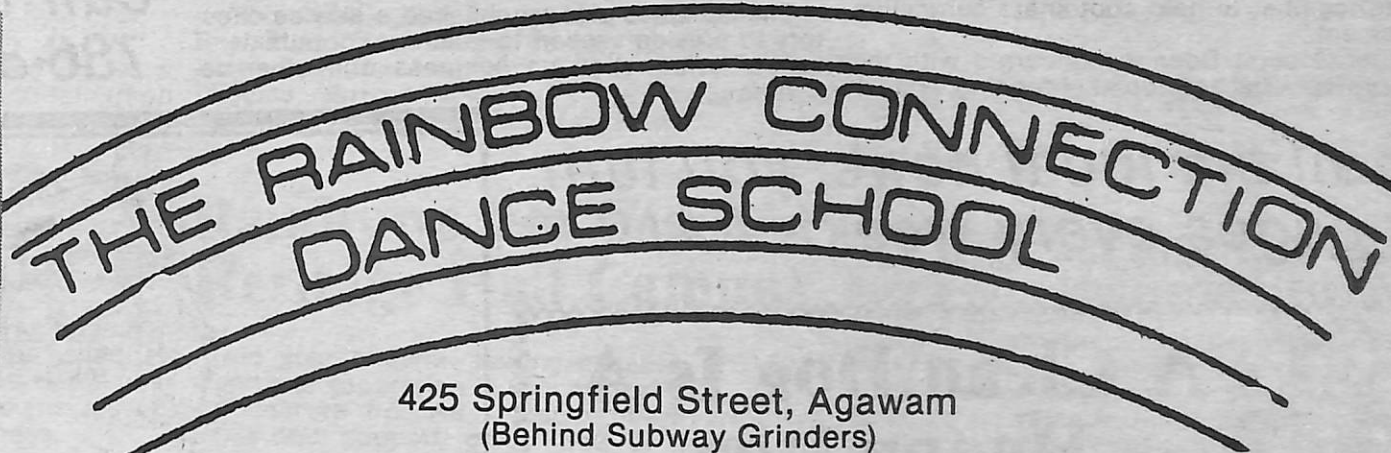
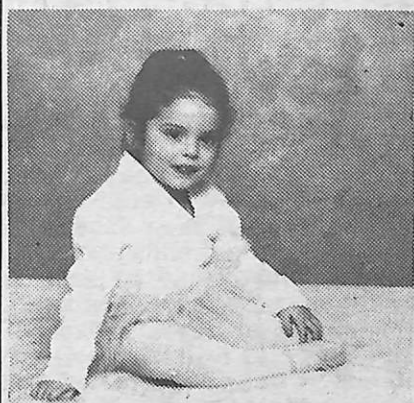
"By asking them to show the safety message to their parents, we hope to stress these habits any time they allow their children to ride."

The story-telling and coloring periods will be followed by "Bring a Bike Day" on Friday, September 18th, when the children will put to practice the lessons learned. "It's the final exam, with the children practicing on a supervised course."

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School Committee Members Address Use Of Extra Funds Received From State

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

Each of the School Committee members offered their suggestions for the 1993 E.E.O.G. (Equal Education Opportunity Grant) budget during its meeting last Tuesday (September 8th).

Superintendent of Schools James Bruno said, "We addressed the principals and directors on opening day, and told them we would be soliciting their ideas and suggestions. We expect to have that report back Friday or Monday after the principals talk to their teachers."

He added, "There may be some hard choices between the money that is available and the requests."

Member Susan Pettazzoni said her first suggestion concurred with Bruno. "I would like to look at the staff's wants and goals first. I would like to see a study skills course offered to bring cohesiveness between the buildings."

Member Louis Massoia said, "I strongly suggest reinstating the full-time counselor at the Middle School."

Secretary Linda Galarneau noted, "I would like to hire someone on a consultant basis to look at the curriculum and set it up in a consecutive way. I'd also like to see a volunteer coordinator, perhaps on a stipend, to organize all our volunteers for the teachers' information."

"Also," she added, "another full-time guidance counselor is needed at the high school."

Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski noted, "A science facilitator for kindergarten through grade six would give students more exposure to science and bring in reading and math. It should be someone who knows how to deal with hands-on science so that it becomes a fun thing while students are learning."

Surplus Of Money At Year's End

Mrs. Kozloski discussed the transfer of salaries into the Special Education Budget and remarked that \$85,000 was transferred from last year's budget. "That surplus at the end of the year justifies hiring a new person," she said.

She added, "Also, I would like to somehow have an amount of money pooled for professional development. I have not seen any programs over the summer or during vacation times to get teachers together to help coordinate curriculum development."

Member Roberta Doering concurred with the idea of professional development funding, and ad-

ded, "Let's make sure we continue the remediation up at the high school for reading ability and math skills before graduating."

"We should be doing more in technology, too. Perhaps we could form an advisory curriculum committee from a combination of school staff, parents, and business people. We should look at cooperative learning, and problem-solving should be introduced to all our children—not just gifted and talented."

Members Louise David said, "Many of the things we have been saying suggest bringing in people from the outside. Let's give incentive to our own people inside; let's try to get back on track for supplies lacking from budget cuts as well."

She agreed with the idea of a study skills course for all students and said that "building to building communication" needed a boost.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, Committee Chairman, said, "I share the same sentiments. I haven't detected any formalized curriculum updating, and our staff needs more enticements."

More Teacher Recognition

He added, "We are sorely lacking in teacher recognition. We need to put the proverbial apples on their desks for outstanding commitment, unique things in our school system, years of service, etc."

Bruno noted, "I agree that we are not spending the money for curriculum development that we should. This year's budget of \$5,000 is a pittance."

"We had \$30,000 to \$40,000 with the Horace Mann Grants until they dried up. Perhaps, we could set aside some of this E.E.O.G. money for the same type of curriculum development or any innovative project a teacher is willing to run."

The School Committee unanimously agreed that this was an excellent suggestion.

Presently, the Agawam Education Association (AEA) has planned 11 strand programs for early release days this year. These programs are designed to enhance professional development by a committee of teachers.

Teachers and administrators also have the option to design their own strand and may submit their proposals this month.

The AEA has also established a service directory to provide support to teachers for outside of school information on business and other activities.

AHS Band Parents Parking Cars For Big E

On both weekends of the Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for the Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 19th and 20th (beginning at 8:00 a.m.), and again September 26th and 27th (also starting at 8:00 a.m.). Also, shuttle buses will run continuously between the high school parking lot and Gate 4 for the Big E, beginning at 8:00 a.m.; the last shuttle will leave the Big E at 9:00 p.m.

Parking will be \$3; this nominal charge will be collected for the shuttle provided by the Big E. For those fairgoers parking at the high school, weekend discount tickets for the Big E will be available at a cost of \$5; discount tickets can be purchased upon payment of the parking fee.

There will be no parking at the high school during the week; parking is available only on weekends.

With discount tickets, a family of four realizes enough savings to buy that one extra piece of fried dough—what a deal! Fairgoers who used the shuttle parking last year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All of the proceeds received through the parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band Program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking.

Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the high school, leave the driving to someone else, pick up discount tickets, and benefit the award-winning high school band ... all at the same time.

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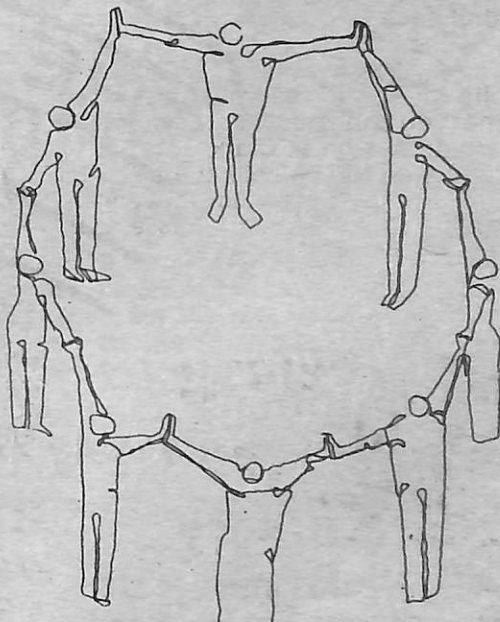
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Back To School Night At Clark School Set For Sept. 23rd By PTO

The PTO at James Clark School announces that its "Welcome Back To School" night is slated for Wednesday, September 23rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The students will be able to introduce their parents and/or guardians to their teachers, and maybe even show them their desks.

Donna Bodurtha, who is chairing this event for the second year in a row, says that, "Last year, the kids got a big kick out of bringing their folks into their rooms, the cafeteria, and the gym. It gives the kids a sense of pride to be able to show their special adult around."

According to Mr. Rovelli, all of the Clark staff will be at this event so that parents may meet them. Mrs. Sandy Hollinger, school secretary, will be in her office, which is where parents are to report to when picking up or dropping off children during the day.

There will also be the opportunity to meet Clark's new art teacher, Joanne Krawczyk. Ms. "K" (as her students have already dubbed her) has introduced herself in a letter brought home by the students, but here is the chance to meet her in person.

When asked what Clark PTO has in store for this year, president Dee Circosta-Aspinall replied, "Our logo is 'Soaring to New Heights'; the students all received buttons with that logo on them on the first day of school."

"The fundraiser has already begun—the children seem real excited about that because they are even selling trolls! Our Ways and Means co-chairpeople, Brenda Cortese and Maxine Cirillo, are anxiously awaiting the results of our sales, which are due by the 23rd of this month."

With last year's efforts, the PTO purchased two new swing sets for the playground, installed just days before school started.

"Outdoor recess is a lot more fun because more people can swing at one time; we don't have to wait so long," commented fourth graders Jamie Santos and Keegan Clark.

Brenda and Maxine are also in charge of the candy wrapper drive. Their goal is to turn in enough M&M/Mars and Hershey wrappers to be able to purchase an encyclopedia set for the school library.

Clark PTO is definitely "Soaring to New Heights" this year. Anyone wanting to join in on the fun and meet other parents, please watch for meeting notices in the newsletter that comes home at the end of each week with the students.

Debbie Roda is the PTO secretary who takes the time each week to get those notices home. It will be worthwhile for you to read her newsletter every week, so that you and your children are well-informed as to what goes on at Clark.

The next PTO meeting will be held at the Faolin Pierce Room (at the Agawam Police headquarters on Springfield Street) on Monday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend and offer new ideas.

Few More Openings Still Available At Perry Lane Nursery

Perry Lane Nursery, located at Perry Lane Park, has a few more openings in all sessions. Children must be three years old by September 30th, 1992 to attend the Tuesday/Thursday session, and four years old by September 30th, 1992 to attend the Monday/Wednesday/Friday session. A child need not be a town resident to attend.

The nursery school is operated by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department and employs a very dedicated staff who create a caring atmosphere that recognizes children as unique individuals stimulating personal growth and development through a variety of sensory experiences.

The school enables a child a chance to grow in self-confidence and independence while getting along with others in a happy environment. It allows the child to make the transition from the home to "a place away from home" and provides an excellent opportunity to prepare the child for kindergarten.

The tuition for the session (which runs from September 1992 to May 1993) is \$585, payable in nine monthly installments. There is no separate registration fee.

For further information, please call the Parks/Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

Ag. Girl Scouts, Daisies, & Brownies Getting Ready For Another Big Year

Girl scouting is an adventure in learning for all girls ages five to 17. From the youngest girl scout level ("Daisies" in kindergarten) to senior teens in high school, girls participate in many fun and educational activities geared to the five Girl Scout Worlds of Interest—World of Art, Well-Being, People, Today and Tomorrow, and Out-of-Doors.

While working in a group situation with girls her own age, she will have a variety of experiences making projects, learning songs and games, going on trips and campouts, helping other people through service projects, trying her hand at decision-making, learning about different cultures, exploring a career, making new friends, and many more things.

Within the next couple of weeks, the public schools should be sending home interest flyers to girls in Agawam and Feeding Hills. It is necessary that both returning girl scouts and prospective

new girl scouts fill out this form and return it to school (grades kindergarten through four) as quickly as possible.

Grades five and six at the Middle School should mail the interest flyer to the address listed on the bottom of the flyer. If, for any reason, you do not receive an interest form, ask at your school office or call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

Adult volunteers are also needed to support girl scouting in a number of capacities. Adults may serve as leaders or co-leaders (a brief, free girl scout training session acquaints you with all you have to know), help at troop meetings, help with transportation, be a "Cookie Mom," or participate at a council level on various task forces and committees. No talents are turned away!

If you would enjoy the privilege of helping today's girls, contact Margaret at 786-9083.

AHS Class Of 1972 Plans 20-Year Reunion

Agawam High School, class of 1972, will hold a 20-year reunion at Shaker Farms Country Club on November 27th.

If you know the addresses of any of the following people, please forward the information to D. Hopkins, 108 Monroe Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or call 789-0976.

Leonard Ares, Carol Babyok, Mark Beaulieu, Theresa Beaulieu, Denise Bellmore, Charles Bewes, Nancy Cincotta, Bruce Conant, Donna Corbin, Gary Costa, William Daudelin, John Davies, Sharon Davio.

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Rainbows For Kids At Heritage Hall Campus

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Rainbows For All Children offers an adult facilitated support group free of charge for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

For more information about September registration, contact Kay Babcock, Heritage Hall Nursing Home, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, 01001, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call her at 786-8000.

RETIREMENT PARTY for James V. Bruno, Jr., Thursday, October 1st, at Chez Josef. Ticket deadline is Sept. 25th. For more info or for tickets, call Dian Curran or Rene Jury at 789-1400, ext. 435 or 436.

Back To School Night At Jr. High Sept. 28th

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 28th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield points out that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

He explains that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights have been scheduled in the near future for that purpose.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. where the format for the evening will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms.

Granger School Plans Back To School Night

Again this year, Granger School will be holding their annual "Back-To-School" Night on September 23rd, 1992, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

At this informational meeting parents will be introduced to the wonderful staff at Granger School; learn from Principal Phyllis Lewis what fantastic activities and programs will be happening throughout the year; and will have the chance to attend a small session with the teachers to learn about the academic goals set for each grade.

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Sports

Late Goals Push AHS Past Falcon Girls

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team was locked in a scoreless struggle on the road at Minnechaug for three quarters of the match, but got late goals from Dina DeMarco and Deanna Knodler to strut out of Wilbraham with a surprisingly tough 2-0 win.

In recent years, the Minnechaug club has been a sub-par club while Agawam is a perennial Western Mass power. Agawam appears to have another solid club, but Minnechaug has closed the gap a bit with some outstanding goaltending from a transfer student from Poland and some nifty midfielders and forwards.

Agawam had the better of the play all day and spent much of the match tilting the field to their advantage. Kim Trudel was great in goal when she needed to be, and the Brownies went on surge after surge up the field throughout the contest.

The front line was fun to watch as three separate classes combined to make a most formidable trio. Senior Stephanie Mason played a standout game in the middle at striker. She was flanked by speedy junior Nicole DeCosmo and flashy sophomore left wing Dina DeMarco.

They played a most unselfish game and possibly cost themselves a couple more scoring opportunities by looking for their teammates instead of the keeper.

Debbie Conklin played very well at midfield and she set up several glittering chances with corner kicks from both sides of the field.

Perhaps the best scoring opportunity of the first half came at the 15:25 mark when Conklin rifled a corner kick to the front of the goal and Mason headed it hard on the cage. It nearly tore the guts out of the goalkeeper, but she snared it anyway and Mason was denied.

With 7:00 to go in the first, Minnechaug made a nice touch passing game work to their advantage and they got in tight on Trudel, but Kim turned them away and went about her business of pitching a shutout.

Agawam had about six big chances in the first 15 minutes of the second half, but one by one they either misfired or got robbed by the terrific little keeper.

Brownies Finally Lit Up Scoreboard

Finally, at 22:47, the Brownies lit up the scoreboard in Wilbraham when DeMarco took a feed from Mason and crashed it in from the left side of the field.

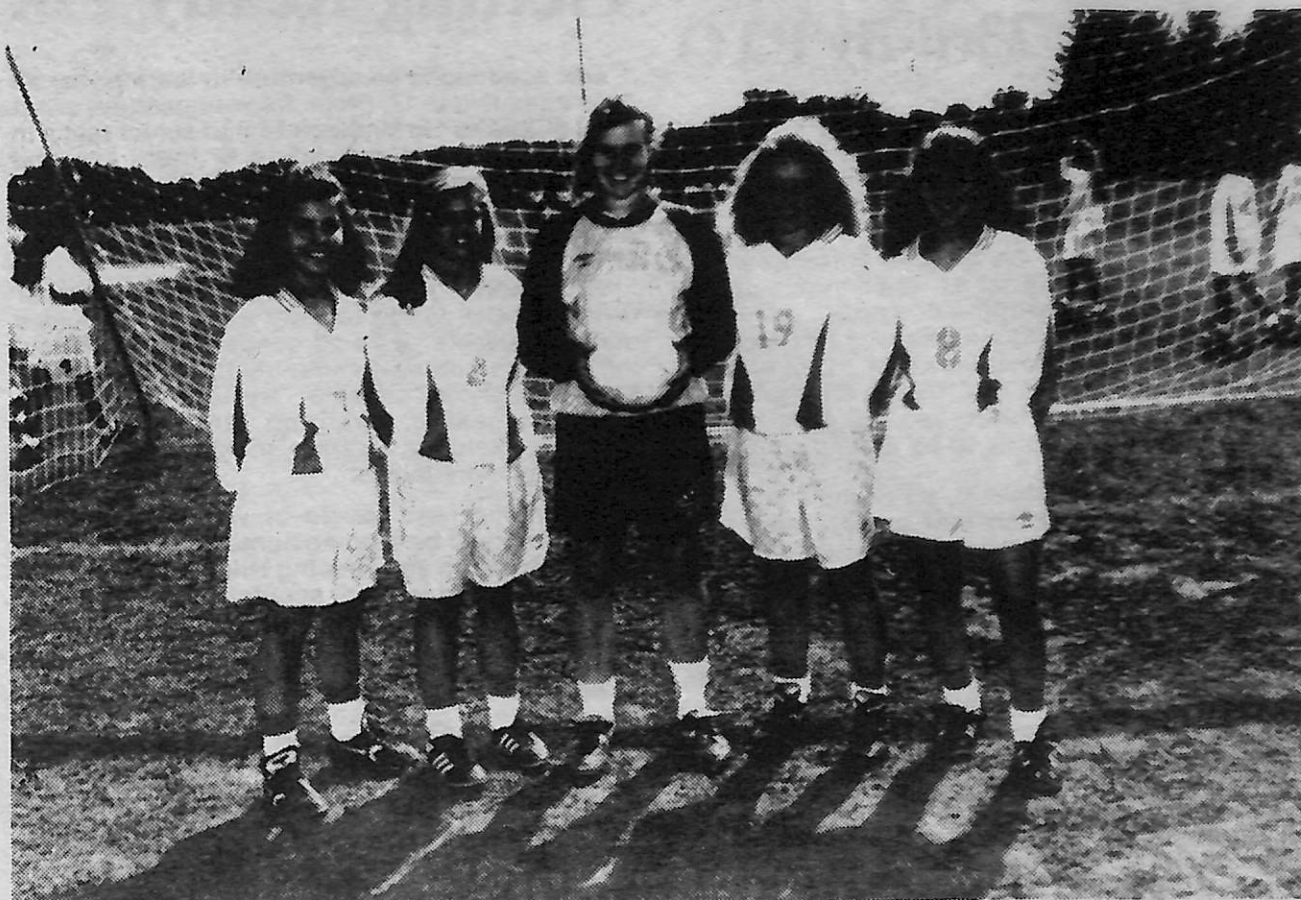
Almost five minutes later (17:58), Knodler duplicated her brother's effort (Mike had scored the boys' lone goal in Ludlow) when she resuced a free ball near the 18 and pumped a high drive into the right side of the cage. No assist was credited on the play.

Coach Bill O'Brien played his bench liberally as the game wound down, and many rising-star Brownies got to run on a varsity field for the first time and have some fun for themselves despite just a two-goal margin.

O'Brien stated in pre-season that all of his varsity players could play the game of soccer, and I imagine that was the statement he was making late in Tuesday's game.

Trudel actually had to make two sliding stops in one minute's time, but she made each play look routine and then got some nice defensive help from Alison Jean on another play to keep the game a whitewash.

Agawam will host Wahconah at presstime in their home opener under the lights.



CLASS OF 1993 members on the AHS girls' varsity soccer team include, from left - Lisa Messenger, Stephanie Mason, Kim Trudel, Debbie Conklin, and Liz Cornwell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Booters Bow In Soccer City Against Powerful Lions; Bow 4-1

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's probably too early to get a read as to whether Ludlow High will be the factor it always is in the high school soccer wars around here. But it had plenty of offense in its opener on Monday night by turning back the Brownies of Agawam High, 4-1 at Franklin Field in Ludlow.

Fleet-footed wingers and solid play in the middle of the field produced two early goals for the Lions. Brian Cavalho and Joe Antonio scored in the first part of the first half to put the Lions ahead, 2-0.

That seemed to make a young Agawam defense a little bit timid at times, and Ludlow had much the better of the play for the rest of the half.

As they broke the initial huddle, the youngsters on the back line for Agawam began to give the talented Lion frontliners more and more room to operate. Ludlow seemed to win the race to every ball, and it patiently distributed the rock each time.

Mike Knodler played an excellent game for Agawam from the midfield area and he sent speedy Luis Savina in on the left-side corner with about 15 minutes left in the first half.

Savina double-decked his way to the left side of the net and blasted one that just missed tucking into the top right corner. John O'Brien followed that with a crushing drive that was fielded nicely by the goalkeeper for the Lions and bounded high into the air behind him.

The goalie was up quickly and had to run it down like a centerfielder to keep the early shutout intact.

Cowles Sends In New Players

Agawam coach Dick Cowles took his first defensive unit out for a well-deserved breather and sent in a quartet of fresh troops, including Todd Boskiewicz, Frank Fila, Brian Crowley, and Derek Poole. That group played excellent defense for five minutes before Ludlow struck again.

Vinnie Petrangelo almost ripped off the Ludlow sweeper back and he would have walked in alone, but Ludlow got possession and rallied non-stop until it scored the third goal.

Crisp passing landed the ball on the foot of Paul Marta, and he banged one past beleaguered goalie Judson Graham from the right side of the cage. The Lions were in command, 3-0.

Seemingly out of nowhere, Agawam got on the board and got its fans right back into the match. Knodler collected a ball 25 yards from the goal on the left and looked around for some teammates to help him make the rush.

Finding nobody available to assist, he took matters into his own hands.

He eluded the first defender and headed toward the cage. Realizing that the Ludlow defense was converging on him, he left-footed a high drive toward the right corner. The keeper came out and got both hands on the ball, but it squirted through to the back of the cage for the Brownies' first goal of '92.

Brownies Look Forward To Second Half

Agawam went to the sidelines pumped up for the second half. Cowles implored his troops to start winning the race to the ball in the second half, and his cast and crew did exactly that for the first 10 or 15 minutes.

Adam Tebaldi, the Brownie sweeper, won the first ball of the second half and that seemed to set the tone for a while. Knodler and Savina would soon bull rush up the middle and left side respectively, only to be denied outside the goal area.

Seconds later, Savina joined with O'Brien for another rush that came up empty. But Agawam was trying too hard to get it back to a one-goal contest.

Ludlow was beginning to roll again soon after. But a combination of errant shooting and standup goaltending by Graham denied the Lions time after time.

Scott Rapacki was a factor early from his attacking center-half, but Ludlow took him pretty much out of the game by repeatedly changing field position with booming balls from its sweeper and stopper backs.

Rapacki did, however, break free on a beautiful right sideline rush which saw him speed and maneuver past three consecutive defenders on a burst that brought him to the right corner. However, he couldn't get his shoulders turned to make a play to the middle, and the effort went unrewarded.

Ludlow banged away for the last 20 minutes of the game and finally scored its fourth and final goal on a seemingly harmless, indirect kick from just outside the eighteen.

With everybody on the right side of the cage for Ludlow, the kick came from the left, and Frank Fortune streaked in front of Graham and headed it easily into the cage.

Next, the Brownies travel to Cathedral to take on the archrival Panthers before returning home to face East Longmeadow in the opener at Harmon Smith Field.

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'Media Day' Fires First Salvo For 1992 AHS Fall Sports

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High School sports scene unfolded last Friday afternoon as Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney orchestrated "Media Day." Each new fall team strode triumphantly out onto the fields in their orange and brown uniforms.

Shutterbugs, including our own Jack Devine, were on hand to photograph the teams and the individual athletes to start the 1992 campaigns.

It was just a scenesetter for what was to be a gorgeous week weatherwise for the Brownies as they took turns getting the season underway on Monday afternoon.

This season, it happened to be the field hockey unit of Cindy Grieve that first took the field for real. After a beautiful, sunshine-filled day, the thermometers soared in mid-afternoon and the first action of the season took place with the spectators sweating with no cloud cover to cool them down.

Later on Monday night, Dick Cowles' soccer squad travelled to the Soccer City of the West (Western Massachusetts, that is) as the Brownies visited Ludlow for their first game of the year.

When the sun went down, the breeze got down in the valley at Franklin Field, and many of the overflow crowd were bundled up trying to stay warm with the help of the full-service concession stand featuring hot coffee and hot chocolate.

Personally, I will never learn. At the field hockey game, my long-sleeved shirt was drenched with sweat by midway in the first half, and it was a most uncomfortable afternoon.

One good thing is that the teams have their benches—along with the timekeepers and scorekeepers—on the east end of the field, facing away from the sun.

Since I've been on the beat, Agawam and the visitors have been stationed on the west end of the field and were always facing into the mid-afternoon sun. Still, it was hotter than blazes, and I paid for it by dressing improperly.

Another Mistake ... Clotheswise

No problem. I went home after the game and immediately changed into shorts and a t-shirt for the game at Ludlow. The aforementioned nip in the air had my teeth chattering in Lion country well before halftime.

Once I started realizing the error of my ways, I looked into the stands and saw that many of the spectators had jackets, hats, long pants, and some even had the audacity to bring blankets.

This is the toughest season, actually, because we are coming out of the summer months where an abundance of clothing is not needed at any time. In the spring, some of the ballgames are played on cold April afternoons, but most people haven't tucked away their sweaters and coats by then and they seem to come prepared.

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HEAD COACHES AND TEAM CAPTAINS were out in force for "Media Day" for 1992 AHS Fall Sports. Back row, from left - Marcus Trinchini, football; Kim Trudel, girls' soccer; Rachel White, gymnastics; Nick Langone, football; Stephanie Mason, girls' soccer; Dana Fuller, field hockey; Beth McNamee, field hockey; Todd Chamberlain, football; Karen Bottasso, field hockey; Tom Briggs, football; Debbie Conklin, girls' soccer; Dave Zielenski, boys' soccer; Tammy Leary, gymnastics; Luis Savina; and Beth Lacienski, gymnastics. Front row, coaches - Dick Cowles, boys' soccer; Dean Vecchiarelli, football; Michelle Willard, gymnastics; Kathleen McSweeney, athletic director; Bill O'Brien, girls' soccer; and Cindy Grieve, field hockey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Football Ready For Fall Opener

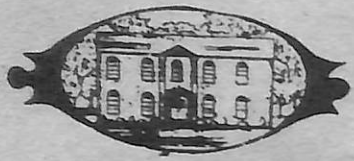


CAPTAINS AND THE HEAD COACH of the 1992 Agawam High varsity football team are anxious for the seasonal opener up in the Berkshires on Saturday. From left - Marcus Trinchini (47), Todd Chamberlain (12), Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, Dana Fuller (67), Tom Briggs (12), and Nick Langone (55). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLASS OF 1993 members and the coaching staff are hopeful for a strong showing in this Saturday's seasonal opener up in the Berkshires. Back row, from left - Eric Poth, Jesse Casinghino, Chris Paluck, Brian Brunelle, Joe Iarrusso, Vin Russo, Josh Tudryn, Dan Bell, and Mike Spirit. Front row - Coaches Lunden and Rose; Dana Fuller, Marcus Trinchini, Tom Briggs, Nick Langone, Todd Chamberlain, Coach Vecchiarelli, Coach Boyle, and Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Luckless Brownies Outplay 'Hamp But Bow, 1-Zip

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High School field hockey took the field at Agawam High on Monday afternoon and showed its supporters that it is capable of playing some excellent hockey, and that it can dominate a team for almost an entire game.

Midway in the second half, it was evident that Agawam was far ahead of its Northampton Blue Devil opponents in almost every facet of the game. It was going to be tough to settle for a scoreless tie.

Well, a not-so-funny thing happened on the way to that zero/zero deadlock. Northampton scored with just a couple of minutes left in the game, and the Blue Devils had stolen away a 1-0 win in the opener for both teams.

Northampton actually began the game with a little pressure in the Agawam end, but then the field position began to shift.

Beth Schroeder and Stacy Johnson gave Agawam some excellent offensive pushes, and Karen Bottasso joined in the fun from midfield. The Brownies began to invade Devil country on a regular basis.

Schroeder fired one beautifully into the slot, and Johnson's shot went just wide right. Bottasso, Johnson, and Schroeder followed that up with some nifty stickwork on the left endline, but they couldn't get the ball toward the cage after some excellent work in deep.

Katie Poulos combined with Jamie Lewis a few moments later, and Poulos couldn't quite tuck one inside the post at play's end.

Ten minutes later, Jen Goodfellow entered the contest and dominated the game for the next two or three minutes with some spirited play on left wing.

She showed determination, hustle, and a willingness to win every ball that came near her zone. Beth McNamee and Goodfellow almost combined on a breakaway after Laura Bielitz made one of several fine plays in midfield to send them on a partial breakout.

Agawam Keeps Up Its Intensity

After the half concluded, Agawam lost none of its early intensity and came back with some early rushes that fizzled inside the circle. Brenda Borkosky and Kris Scirpo put together one of the best chances of the game with about 25 minutes left. But the ball trickled past the cage with no damage done.

The resulting corner saw Ann Maklary in tight, looking for some cage. But she, too, was denied. The Brownies were getting a lot of sniffs but no cigars, and it was surely getting frustrating.

Gina Serra made two kick saves in the goal for Agawam as 'Hamp finally put together a little something. She also faced a couple of loud smashes from the top of the circle. But both of those were well wide, and the game remained scoreless. (Kerry Thompson played the first half in goal for Agawam and never faced a shot.)

Each coach called a time-out looking for that important first goal, but nothing happened until very late. 'Hamp was facing more and more Agawam pressure, but finally headed up the field and moved the ball to the left side of the field.

The goalscorer turned toward Serra and fired one into the right corner, as the Blue Devils came from all over the field to celebrate.

Ann Maklary almost rewarded the banner-toting Agawam fans for staying until the end. She streaked toward the goal with time running down.

As the timer was inside the 10-second count, Maklary broke in and got off a weak shot that was handled as the referee signalled the end of the game.

MEDIA DAY - from Page 46...

I don't bother watching weathermen Paul Sutton, Evan Ruben, or any of those other guys very often, but maybe I should start. This isn't really intended to be humorous; I was truly uncomfortable at both games.

In the future, I will be putting hats, coats, and sweaters in my car so that I can be comfortable at all the games this fall, as the temperature will continue to drop a few degrees per week until we are in the deep freeze that we know is coming.

I didn't last long enough in the Boy Scouts to latch onto that "Be Prepared" angle, but now I think I know what they were driving at with that particular mindset.

There are a lot of night games coming up on the schedule, and it may behoove everybody to dress properly to avoid the discomfort listed above.



IN TOP PHOTO, pictured are Class of 1993 members on the Agawam High varsity field hockey team. Back row, from left - Beth Schroeder, Beth McNamee, Karen Bottasso, Lynn Moreau, and Shannon Hogan. Front row - Ann Maklary, Stacy Johnson, and Laura Bielitz. IN PHOTO BELOW, 1992 field hockey captains are Beth McNamee and Karen Bottasso. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Sports A La Carte...

Stefan Wins U.S. Open; ND Ties Michigan

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

STEFAN EDBERG had to play his tail off to beat PETE SAMPRAS in the U.S. Open Tennis Finals, but the match he'll probably remember most was his duel with MICHAEL CHANG on Saturday.

Chang looks like he could run for days, and several times he had to stop chasing bouncing smashes only because he ran into the retaining wall around the court. He is truly an enjoyable professional athlete...

Did anybody catch JOHN DOCKERY'S act on NBC last Saturday afternoon? Interviewing (better yet, chastising) LOU HOLTZ after Notre Dame tied Michigan 17-17, Dockery kept asking Holtz why he didn't throw the ball when he took possession late in the tied game.

Holtz, who knows a thing or two about about football and its strategy, was trying to politely tell Dockery that he didn't want to throw two or three incompletions deep in his own territory and, thus, stopping the clock. He went on to imply that a turnover deep in his own end of the field would almost assure a Notre Dame loss.

Dockery persisted and Holtz again quietly tried to make his point clearer. He wanted Notre Dame to be the only team with a chance to win, and he didn't want to have to punt with any time left on the clock. Finally, Dockery asked him if he was playing for a tie?

Holtz had heard enough and he pushed past the broadcaster and ended the interview at that point. Once he thought he was clear of the cameras, Holtz went tearing back after Dockery, and NBC sent it back up to DICK ENBERG in the booth.

I would love to have been privy to that conversation. Holtz was absolutely right. Funny thing was that DON SHULA maneuvered the clock beautifully himself on Monday night, and that allowed the Dolphins to overtake the Browns in Cleveland at the witching hour.

The Dolphins led it by three points with two minutes to go in the game. Cleveland was inside the Dolphin 5. Shula decided to use his time-outs in the event that Cleveland punched it in, so that he could send MR. MARINO back out there with some time left on the clock.

Sure enough, MARK BAVARO caught a two- or three- yard TD pass with 1:18 to go. The extra point was off the upright and no good. Trailing by three, Shula and Marino concocted a 70-yard TD drive and scored with :07 to go!

Two great coaches earned a win and a tie in their respective ballgames, and I'm quite sure that Dockery would have earned himself two losses in similar circumstances...

My mom used to use an expression about people that had big ears. She called it "looking like taxicabs with the doors open." I always appreciated the graphics of that statement.

I finally saw somebody that reminded me of that expression—JIM BULLINGER, pitcher, Chicago Cubs. I saw him pitch against the Cards on Sunday night, and I strongly feel that one night that boy might just fly on out of a stadium on a breezy night...

Everybody always worries about what might happen when those defensive headhunters in the NFL take those wicked shots at an opponent's helmet. Well, KEN HARVEY of the Phoenix Cardinals is fast earning a reputation for kneehunting, and that can be every bit as cruel—and maybe crueler.

I'm told that he took San Diego's JOHN FRIESZ' knee apart in the pre-season, and last Sunday night he nearly put RANDALL CUNNINGHAM back on the shelf with a wicked blow to the knee on a pass rush in the second quarter...

From Our Something I Would Have Liked To Have Seen Dept.: GEORGE BELL gets hit by a pitch against the Yankees the other night and starts spouting off at everybody who would listen. Moments later, he was nose-to-bellybutton with

FRANK HOWARD (ex-player, current Yankee batting coach and still a Giant), and George settled down real quickly...

I've got proof of this, but you still may not believe me. I called my buddy in Pittsburgh two weeks before the season started and told him that the Steelers would be 4-0 at the outset this year.

He told me I was crazy. Well, he knows I'm crazy so that doesn't surprise me, but the Steelers are 2-0 (including beating WARREN MOON and

the Oilers in the House of Pain), and I think that I'll ultimately be correct on this one...

How good is the book "Total Baseball"? Well, where else could you learn about ELWOOD VERNON "KETTLE" WIRTS, who played with the Cubs and the White Sox back in the 20's and slugged his way to a .163 average in four big-league seasons.

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Ag. Youth Football Blanks Springfield In Seasonal Opener

The Agawam Junior and Senior Youth Football teams opened their fourth season on Sunday, September 13th, at Harmon Smith Field.

The weeks of practicing in August were evident, as both Warrior teams posted decisive victories over the teams from Springfield-North.

The Junior Warriors played a great game before a large opening-day group of fans. Their offensive total was an impressive 214 yards gained.

Quarterback Mike Buoniconti got the scoring started in the first quarter with a one-yard run around left end for a touchdown. Shawn Biebel went in for the extra two points.

In the second quarter, Mike Buoniconti struck again with a 28-yard romp for another TD. Mark Engelman then blasted in for another two-point conversion. The score at halftime was 16-0 in favor of the Agawam team.

Agawam kept up the pressure in the second half. Shawn Biebel scored a TD around right end in the third quarter. Mark Engelman again hit for another pair of extra points.

The Warrior scoring was capped off in the fourth quarter with a 28-yard run up the middle by Jason Sirois that resulted in a touchdown. Shawn Biebel then added the final two-point tally of the game.

The Junior defensive effectively held the Springfield offense to a total of 69 yards gained. Vin Buoniconti led the defense with seven tackles and four assists.

Other leading tacklers included Matt Slattery, Mike Wood, Mike Blevins, Ryan Drobot, and Rex Mason. Brian St. Jean also helped the defensive cause with a drive-ending interception.

Head coach Bill Biebel also credited Bob Fuller, Eric Pedersen, and Ryan Longtin with outstanding play on both offense and defense. The final score of the game was Agawam 32, Springfield-North 0.

The Senior Warriors then took the field against the senior team from Springfield-North. Many of the Agawam players have played together for four years, and the experience and teamwork paid off with a dominating performance.

In the first drive of the game, the Senior Warrior team marched 62 yards in only five plays. The final play of the drive was a 20-yard touchdown run off of right tackle by Jared Chianciola. The extra points came on an 11-yard pass play from quarterback Phil McGeoghan to Nick Christy in the end zone.

The Warriors soon got possession of the ball again when Bryan Menard scooped up a Springfield fumble on the Springfield 27-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, the Agawam Seniors scored another TD when Chris Bednarzyk ran 27 yards up the middle. Phil McGeoghan ran a keeper to the right side for the extra points.

Still in the first quarter, Springfield would fumble again. Bryan Menard again recovered the ball for Agawam on Springfield's 23-yard line. Four plays later, Kevin Perreault blasted into the end zone from two yards out for the third TD. The first quarter ended with a score of 22-0 in favor of the home team.

The Agawam Senior defense also had a solid performance. Leading tacklers were Adam Kimball and Chris Bednarzyk. Other top tacklers included Rich Skowrya, Chris Olson, Bryan Menard, Vin Tirone, Dan Dialessi, Scott Campion, and Geoff Biebel. Besides the two fumbles recovered by Bryan Menard, Geoff Biebel and Pat Rego also forced turnovers by recovering fumbles.

In the third quarter, with the score still 22-0, Josh Maynard raced in to block a Springfield punt which resulted in a two-point safety.

By the end of the game, every uniformed player on the team had contributed in this first win of the season. The final score of this well-played game was Agawam 24, Springfield-North 0.

Both games were filmed by F & F Productions and can be seen on Cable Access Channel 32 on Saturday at 3:00 p.m., and again on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Warriors' next play the teams from Holyoke at Holyoke on Sunday, September 20th. The Junior game starts at 1:00 p.m., with the Senior game immediately following.

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AHS Gridiron Moms Open 1992 Season



THE GRIDIRON MOMS of Agawam High School are ready for another season of football action. Pictured above are Arlene Wooley, Donna Decoteau, Annette Roy, and Ginny Benjamin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Soccer Booster Club Opens Season



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Soccer Booster Club opened its season on Thursday, September 10th. From left - Ralph Puopolo, president; Jane Knodler, secretary; Dee Nacewicz, vice-president; and Bill Zielinski, treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Bad Boating Statistics

The number of people who died in recreational boating accidents increased for the first time in five years, according to statistics released by the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1991, fatalities reached 924, up from 865 in 1990. The higher number of deaths translates to a slightly higher fatality rate for boating.

Last year, the number of boats grew by half a million to an estimated total of 20 million, putting the number of fatalities for 1991 at 4.6 per 100,000 boats. The latest fatality figure still reflects an improvement over 1989, and significant progress since 1971 when safety had its worst of 20.2 deaths per 100,000 boats.

Alcohol consumption continues to be a serious problem as well, according to Admiral William Ecker of the Coast Guard.

"We believe excessive alcohol consumption plays a part in at least half of all fatal boating accidents," he said, noting a recent study done for the Coast Guard, indicating that intoxicated boaters are nearly 11 times more likely to die in a boating accident than those who stay sober.

Wildlife Management Area Maps Available

Sixty-eight new maps of the state's Wildlife Management areas have been issued by Massachusetts' Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in a five-volume publication now available from the Division's Field Headquarters in Westboro.

The new publication offers an inexpensive collection of topographic maps of all WMAs greater than 100 acres in size. While the single-color maps do not offer the clarity of the U.S.G.S. originals, they provide a bonus in showing boundaries, locator drawings, access maps, and a short write-up providing information relative to vegetation, water, wildlife, and any special regulations which apply.

Cost of the maps is \$3 per volume, \$15 for the full set of five districts. Individuals wishing to order by mail are asked to enclose \$1.50 per volume for postage and handling, or \$3.50 postage and handling for the set of five.

AHS Gymnasts Raise Funds At Car Wash



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH GYMNASTIC TEAM held a benefit car wash on Labor Day Weekend. From left - Danielle LaBarre, Nina Giordano, Charity Doe, Kim McKay, and Lynda Wage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus was formed in the Congress in 1989. To date, the Caucus has reached 30% of the Congress; 137 members of the House are members, and 32 in the Senate have joined.

It is very disturbing that not one Massachusetts representative in the House is a member, and not one Senator from Massachusetts has signed up.

Anti-hunting zealots are pushing anti-hunting legislation in state capitols and before the United States Congress.

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The sportsmen of America number in excess of 87 million; 17 million licensed hunters, and 70 million licensed anglers make up a very powerful political block. Only if we join together will we be able to thwart the efforts of our opponents.

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Outgoing Mail - by Bob Johnson...

Hey Dave Windfield: Not Bad For 41!!!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Dave Winfield
c/o Toronto Blue Jays
Skydome
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Dave,

Congratulations on an excellent year with the Blue Jays. I find it hard to believe that you are still as productive as you are at nearly 41 years-old.

My first memories of you were in the celebrated brawl between you guys from Minnesota and Luke Witte of Ohio State back in the early 70's when you were still playing basketball. I think the media made it easy for me not to like you at that point.

It wasn't long after that when I joined the Navy and found myself at San Diego serving proudly. My technical school following boot camp was also in Southern California, so I got to take in a few Padre games that summer at the Murph. I don't believe they called it Jack Murphy in 1974, but I remember going down there a few times.

My recollection of those trips to the ballpark were the size of Nate Colbert's arms and the announcer getting a kick out of himself when he announced shortstop Ennnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnzo Hernandez when he came to the plate. I also remember recognizing your name each time that you came up to bat.



You threw out Johnny Grubb on the bases with a pea to third base the last time I was there, and I remember thinking that you had as good an arm

as Dwight Evans after that play. Shortly after that, I heard about the Dave Winfield Foundation and what you were attempting to do for the youth of San Diego, and that made me feel good about you.

Growing up a staunch Red Sox fan, you were no threat to me until you came to New York in 1981. Once you became a Yankee, I followed you very closely.

Some of those seasons you astonished me with the production you put up in the middle of those so-so batting orders. Mattingly had it good because he hit in front of you a lot of the time, but the guys who protected you weren't exactly Murderer's Row. I always assumed that you were right in all the Steinbrenner battles. They always seemed so silly to me.

What always impressed me was the way that you ran the bases so hard all the time, and how much ground you could cover in the outfield with those long, loping strides.

Last week, in the middle of that inning with 10 straight hits, I couldn't believe how fast you got down to second while trying to stretch that single into a double. You were out, but it was an excellent gamble at the time.

I think that you have been an exciting ballplayer who has been a credit to the game of baseball. I am sure that you know that you made the proper choice when deciding between baseball and basketball.

Dave, I would appreciate it if you can send me an autographed picture of you ... and if you have a minute or two, tell me how often you think about the baseball/basketball thing. When you see Magic and Michael and some of those guys, do you think that you could have run with them or others like them?

I think the Blue Jays have enough stuff to win the whole deal, especially if you can get Alomar to play as hard as he can. I believe Candy Maldonado is one of the major keys and he has had an excellent season. Give Guber a little kick in the pants to play his best down the stretch, too.

The A's and Eck will be one tough battle, but your bullpen isn't chopped liver, either. The Braves are going to be mighty tough and believe me, it will be the Braves. Nobody has pitching like they do, and I think they will pose a great challenge.

Good luck ... are you going to hang around and try to get 3,000 hits? You still have a shot, don't you think?

Sincerely,
Bob Johnson

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BILL CHIBA - from Page 51...

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Ray Regnier of the Agawam Sportsmen Club bagged a bear in Maine recently with the bow and arrow. Six club members went on the bear hunt; everyone saw bear, but Ray was the only member of the group to score.

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He was a baseball coach when he was asked if he would like to be the Little League sports announcer. His answer was, "I would be glad to." Since then, Mike has had 17 wonderful years at the church, where he announces the games from May until the middle of August.

It was on August 2nd that Mike got the surprise of his life. The kids had presented him with a trophy that they had purchased by selling raffle tickets in Mike's honor, without letting Mike know about it. On the trophy is inscribed, "Mr. Baseball, Mike Davidson, No. 1 Announcer-1992. With Gratitude and Appreciation."

Mike was somewhat speechless at first, but once he got his train of thought together, he knew just what he wanted to say to the kids. "I want to thank all of you kids for this nice trophy. Not all of

you can win trophies like the champions have done today, but, to me, all of you kids are my champions for the way you have played the game so well all year long.

"May God bless all of you with everlasting success in all you do all your life through. I love all of you kids very much, and thanks for this very nice trophy that I got today."

It was after that that Mike received a warm round of applause from all who were at the ceremony.

Mike will be there at the church every year to come, announcing the games just like he did the year before, for the kids that he loves so much.

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Agawam Girls Under 14 Reach Riverside Final



IN THE RECENT RIVERSIDE SOCCER CLASSIC, the Agawam girls under 14 team advanced to the final game with an exciting 1-0 win over Natick. The girls lost in the finals to West Hartford. Team members are, standing, from left - Stephanie Eig, Melissa Troie, Lisa Gallerani, Carrie Janik, Sarah Cote, Cindy Alfano, Sarah Pliska, Kristine Modzelesky, Lisa Reveruzzi, and Rita Reshamwala. Front row - Pamela Eaton, Tara Grealis, Danielle DiStefano, Jennifer Chagnon, Kristen Patterson, Bridget Rust, and Amber Paradysz. Coaches are Dave Gallerani and Jim Modzelesky. Missing: Coach Mike DiStefano.

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Soccer Association's Riverside Classic



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Season Passes For AHS Sports Now Available

Kathleen McSweeney, Athletic Director for the Agawam school system, has announced that "all sports" season passes for Agawam High athletic events are now available through her office at the high school.

The adult "all sports" season pass costs \$36; passes for students are \$24. Moreover, "individual sport" season passes are also available.

For more information regarding these passes, contact Miss McSweeney at 789-1400, extension 420.

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TROPHIES ANYONE??? Agawam Soccer Association officials, from left - Chip Bishop, Al O'Quinn, Pete Gaffney, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Joe DeMarco, and Ray Scott show-off the hardware to be handed out to the various winning teams following the Agawam Soccer Association's Riverside Soccer Classic on Labor Day Weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERVING DONUTS AND COFFEE at the Labor Day Riverside Soccer Classic, co-sponsored by Riverside Park and the Agawam Soccer Association, are, from left - Bridget Donovan, Dina Lancour, Cindi Beaudry, and Jennie Kelleher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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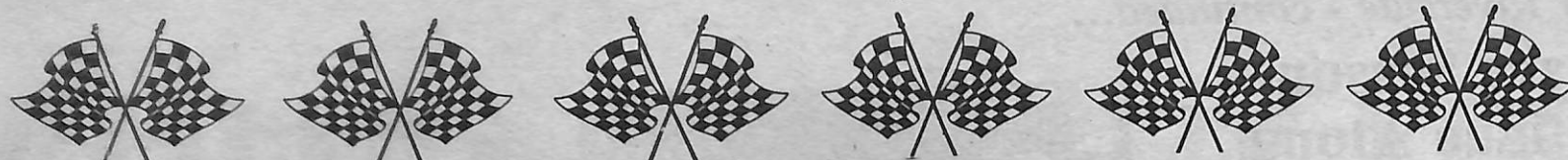
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Avery Out Fast To Take Lead In Sept. Series

On Saturday, September 12th, Dan Avery wasted no time at all to take the lead right from the start in the "September Series" Modified event at Riverside Park Speedway. Avery was pressured heavily by the track champion Jerry Marquis, who continued to dominate in the low groove.

Still, it was a four-car battle for the lead as Bob-by Gee was there lap after lap with Stan Greger driving the Simon's number 9. Chris Young started on the pole and was also a factor with front-row setter John Johnson.

The other battle was the S.K. bonus program as Chris Jones held off Tim Zambelli and Gerry Savage. The three secured a total of \$600 in S.K. bonus money. There were only three cautions in the event, as most were for minor spins.

At the checker it was Avery to take down the win in the Porter-Chester Institute Pontiac to secure a \$1,000 victory. Second went to Jerry Marquis (Pike Package), third was Bobby Gee (International Auto), fourth was Stan Greger (Simon's Excavator), and fifth was Chris Young (Riverhead Farms).

Sixth through 10th were Jeff Johnson, Richard Savery, Jim Houghton, Eric LeClair, Rocco Mazzioto, and Chris Jones (Jones, as was stated earlier, was the first S.K. Modified).

Jerry Marquis dominated the action in the Pro Stocks with a great lead to the checker. At the finish it was Dave Carusso for second, followed by Tom Fearn, Scott Bouley, and Dave Berube. Sixth through 10th went to Barry Gray, John Lobo, Don Giguerra, Eric Kearns, and Willie Hardie.

Mike Casey took the early lead in the Pro 4 Modifieds as Renee Duprey applied heavy pressure until Joe Lemay broke out of the pack to take the lead. Dan Meservey was also a major factor, and George Savery was right there, too ... lap after lap.

The top five cars ran under a blanket to the checker. Joe Lemay dominated the action to the checker, followed by Doug Meservey, Mike Casey,

A Winning Team At Riverside Speedway!



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Renee Duprey, and George Savery. Sixth through 10th were Dave Lessard, Glenn Salimito, George Ruff, Bill Gaston, and John Mazza.

In the Late Models, Martin Leary led the first 10 laps until Barry Gray took the lead and never let it go to the checker. At the checker by inches was a great battle for second, with John Johnson taking the position. Third went to Mike Bushior, who had a great run over Marty Leary and Al-Bisson (who also turned in a great run at the checker).

Sixth through 10th were John Severns, Gary Pellitier, Paul Dipisa, Doug D'alessandro, and Brian Crunden.

Joe Czarnecki secured another win in the Strictly Stocks, and early leader Mitch Drewnowski was second over Jeff Connors, Bob McMullin, and Roger Fujimoto. Rounding out the top 10 were Rob Velerio, Gene McClain, Mike Kowalski, Pete Bennett, and Keith Minchella.

In the Mini Stock division, it was Ron Smith over Alan Anicki, Kevin Blackmore, Chris Hasbrouk, and Joe Krajewski.

This Saturday, September 19th, it's another seven-division special at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (413) 786-9300.

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Racing At Riverside - continued...**Huge Race Season To Continue Along At Riverside Speedway**

Riverside Park Speedway is gearing up for its biggest full season ever. Yes, Riverside is racing every Saturday through October 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Plus, the best news of all is that there's a new change to the "old deal" racing... added divisions and much more! Even the original team race 500 is back (a type of racing that was popular in the 60's, 70's, and 80's), as well as the ever-popular Enduro/Demo thrill shows.

These non-sanctioned events offer anyone 16 years and older with an interest in racing to be a part of a pit crew and go into the pit area. Fact is, there is something for everyone, as the "Super Bowl of Auto Racing" began on Saturday, September 12th, with the first test of a seven-division format.

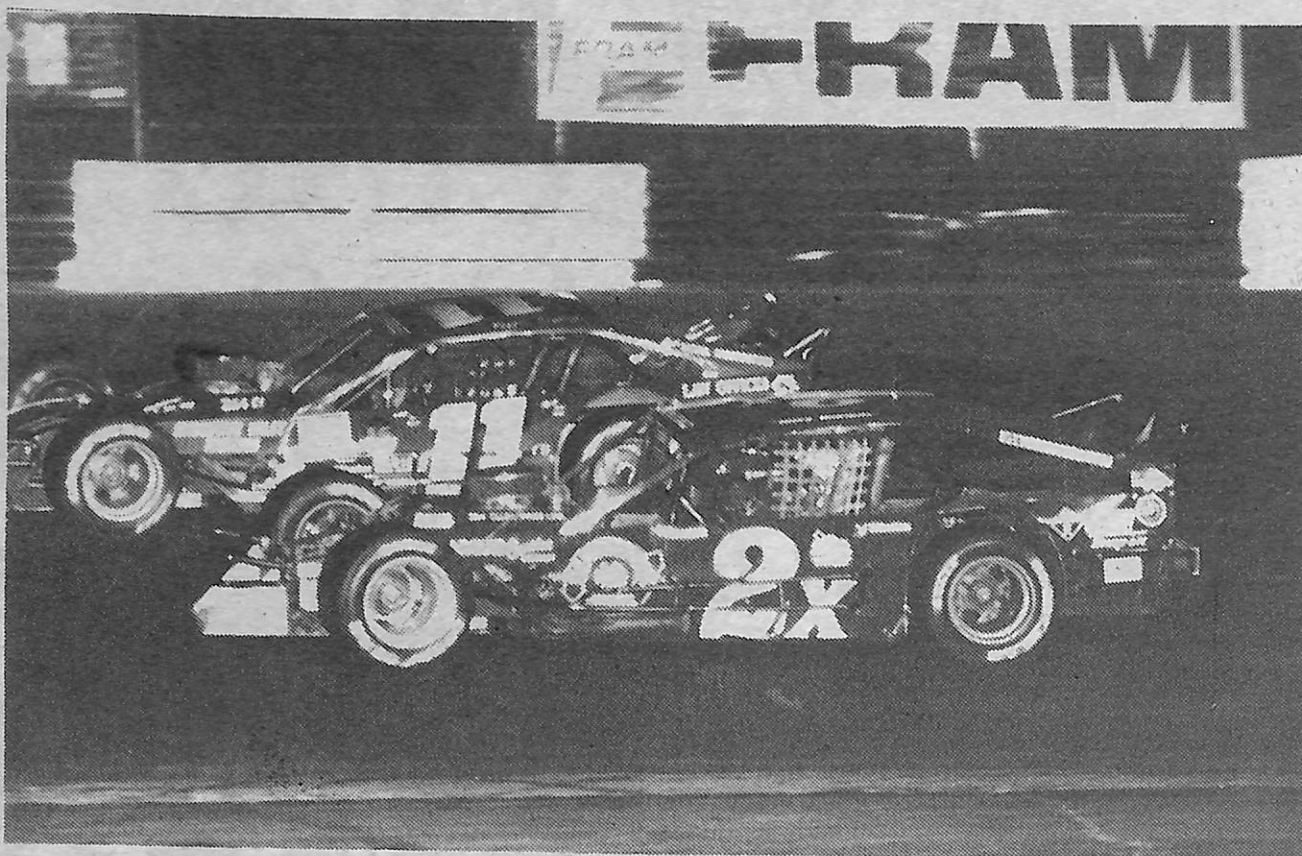
*** Division Number 1—Tour Type Modifieds:** This is the weekly premiere division that is featured elsewhere as a tour for the 600-horsepower rocket sleds. Expected drivers may include Reggie Ruggiero, Rick Fuller, Tom Bolles, Stan Greger, Bobby Gee, and Larry Moore.

*** Division Number 2—SK Type Modifieds:** Sometimes referred to as Winston, these limited modifieds are showcased at facilities like Stafford, Thompson, Waterford, Wall, etc. This popular division features drivers like Ted and Mike Christopher, Bo Gunning, Bob Potter, Richie Gallup, and John Sneak.

*** Division Number 3—Pro 4 Modifieds:** These four-cylinder, open-wheel modifieds have run with Riverside as a home base during 1992. Drivers that showcase here include Doug Meservey, Renee Duprey, Joe Lemay, George Ruff, and Ron D'Alessandro.

*** Division Number 4—Pro Stocks:** This division originated at Riverside in 1982, and it is now the same basic division that runs at Stafford, Monadnock, Thompson, and Star. These full-bodied cars look more like ASA, all-pro type cars. Drivers in this division to watch for include Jerry Marquis, Tom Fearn, Tom Rosati, Dave Caruso, and Tony Papale.

*** Division Number 5—Late Models:** Riverside has over 40 of these full-bodied machines; when the speedway combines them with cars from other tracks, it's one of the most exciting divisions ever. Top drivers like Jay Stuart, Todd Anderson, Roger Charette, and Gary Fiormonti



TWO OF RIVERSIDE'S BEST, Jerry Marquis and Reggie Ruggiero, battle for position in Modified competition on a recent Saturday night. This fall, Riverside Park Speedway will continue to have racing action each Saturday evening until October 3rd.

take on the outsiders in wheel-to-wheel combat.

*** Division Number 6—Strictly Stocks:** This is another weekly division that offers great racing, as well as over 50 competitors (who run on general race tires) in exciting, full-bodied racing action. Cars from other tracks that are Strictly Stocks may race, but they must run general tires to compete.

*** Division Number 7—Mini Stocks:** Four-cylinder vehicles that use their own rules, they run at Monadnock on a weekly basis.

In addition to this past Saturday (September 12th), the seven-division format will be run on September 19th and October 3rd. Meanwhile, the September 26th event is the Riverside team race—a twin 100 that matches the Modifieds and Pro Stocks in two legs as team partners; teams are

determined by fast time, using the Modifieds and Pro Stocks as a team.

The final race of Riverside's 1992 season will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m. It's the Marathon Madness Thrills Spectacular with a full-size Enduro, four-cylinder Enduro, Demo, and more.

All race events with the seven-division format are \$12.99 for adults; the Riverside 500 team race is priced at \$14.99; and the Enduro is \$9.99. For all races, kids are just \$3.

Remember, anyone over 16 years of age is welcome in the pit area for \$20 per person (no license required). All events start at 6:00 p.m. every Saturday, and the pit opens at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, call Riverside Park Speedway at (413) 786-9300.

Tom Gamelli Open At Tekoa Country Club

Sign-ups are now being taken for the third annual Tom Gamelli Open at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Thursday, September 24th (rain date Thursday, October 8th).

The proceeds will be used to benefit the "Tom Gamelli Scholarship," and the event itself is being hailed as a "warm memorial to one of our area's great guys." (Incidentally, Gamelli was an Agawam resident.)

The golfing will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun scramble. Lunch and dinner will be available, as well as gross and net prizes.

The fee for this tournament is \$35 for members of Shaker Farms, and \$50 for non-members (the fee does not include the cart). Checks should be made payable to Exposition Scholarship.

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**Golf Tip Of The Week...
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by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

Use a mirror to check your set-up position. Check your posture, grip, and alignment. Then, place the mirror behind you to check your takeaway.

This will be my final golf tip of the week for the 1992 golf season. This year as in the past, I would like to extend my thanks to Ric Sardella and the AAN for allowing me the space each week for my golf tip.

Hopefully I have helped to improve a few golf swings and have not hurt too many. Let me leave you all with this one final thought: to improve, advance, or go forward, you must experiment.

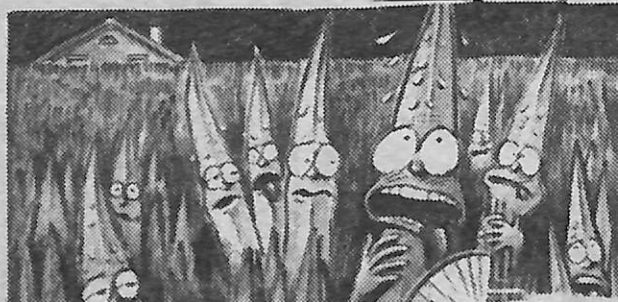
Experiment is what a tip is all about. Don't be stubborn and be afraid to change. Hopefully you have tried a few of my golf tips. As the old saying goes... try it, you might like it.

Good luck with the remainder of the golf season. Thanks again, AAN.

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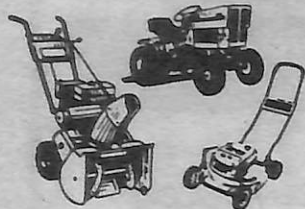
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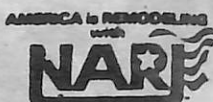
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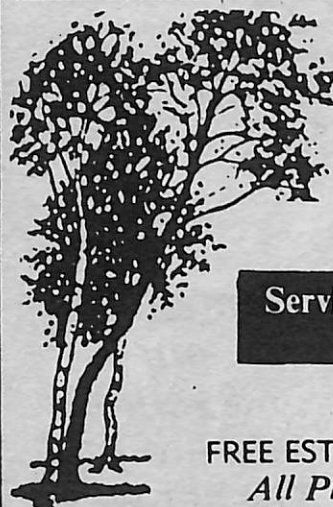
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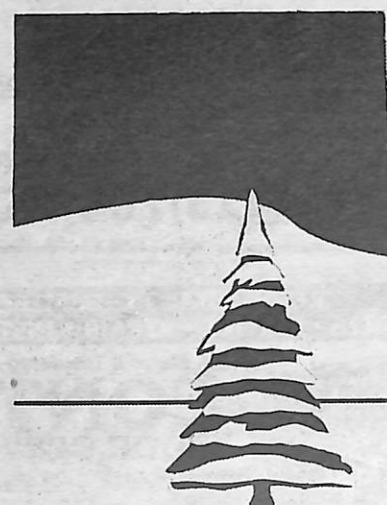
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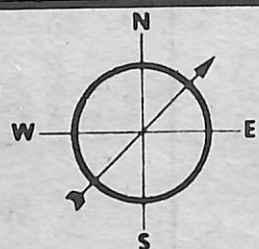
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